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FORM 6-K

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of March 2022

Commission File Number 001-40316

**VECTIVBIO HOLDING AG
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Aeschenvorstadt 36
4051 Basel
Switzerland
(Address of principal executive offices)**

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Form 20-F Form 40-F

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On March 30, 2022, VectivBio Holding AG, or the Company, issued a press release announcing it has entered into both a note financing agreement, or the Loan, with Kreos Capital VI (UK) Limited or Kreos, and a partnering agreement, or the Agreement, with Asahi Kasei Pharma Corporation, or AKP.

The Loan

On March 26, 2022, the Company entered into the Loan with Kreos. The Loan is structured to provide the EUR equivalent of up to USD 75.0 million in borrowing capacity, the master loan line, or MLL, comprising two loan facilities of which EUR equivalent of USD 18.75 million is to be a convertible loan line. The remainder of the MLL, being a term loan of EUR equivalent of USD 56.25 million is to be drawn down at the same time as the convertible loan line tranches in three tranches as follows:

- Loan A1: EUR equivalent of USD 22.5 million;
- Loan A2: EUR equivalent of USD 15 million; and
- Loan B: EUR equivalent of USD 18.75 million.

Loan A1 will be available for drawdown from closing until September 30, 2022. Loan A2 will be available for drawdown from June 30, 2022 until September 30, 2022. Loan B will be available for drawdown until December 31, 2022.

The availability of any funds under a drawdown of Loans A1 and A2 or Loan B is conditional upon the Company having a debt-to-market cap ratio (where debt includes the amount of the proposed draw down) equal to or less than 25% at the time of each draw down. Loan B is conditional upon (i) the company raising USD 80 million in new equity and/or subordinated convertible debt, or other non-dilutive funds, and (ii) the Company releasing interim data for the Phase 2 STARS Nutrition study that supports continuation of such study.

The Loan will have an interest-only repayment period of until March 31, 2023, which can be extended to June 30, 2024, if certain conditions are met. Payments will then be comprised of both interest and principal until the loan is paid off, with an end date ranging from March 31, 2025 to June 30, 2026, if the interest-only period has been extended to June 30, 2024. Borrowings under the convertible loan portion of the Loan will bear interest at an implied fixed rate of 7.45% per annum and borrowings under the term loan portion of the Loan will bear interest at a fixed rate of 8.95% per annum. The convertible loan amount is convertible into a number of ordinary shares to be determined based on a price per ordinary share that is at a 130% premium to the volume weighted average price of shares traded during the 30-day period ending three days prior to either (i) with respect to the first portion of Tranche A, the earlier of the date of first drawdown of such portion or March 31, 2022 or (ii) on the date of each subsequent drawdown after the first drawdown, with respect to the remaining EUR equivalent of USD 65.0 million available under the Loan.

The Company may prepay all, but not part, of the term loan and the convertible loan amounts at any time, by notifying the lender at least fifteen days in advance of a date ending on a repayment date; *provided*, however, that Kreos may at its option convert the convertible loan into ordinary shares prior to receipt of any such prepayment notification.

As additional consideration for the Loan, Kreos received a fee of USD 750,000, as well as a warrant to purchase 324,190 of the Company's ordinary shares at a price per ordinary share equal to the volume weighted average price per share for the 30-day period ending three days prior to the closing of the loan. The Company will grant to Kreos an additional warrant to purchase ordinary shares with an aggregate value of up to a maximum of USD 1.0 million, with an exercise price per share equal to the volume weighted average price per share for the 30-day period ending three days prior to the date of the first drawdown of Loan B. The warrants are exercisable for a period of seven years from the date of issuance.

The Loan contains customary affirmative and negative covenants. The affirmative covenants include, among others, administrative and reporting requirements subject to certain exceptions and materiality thresholds. The negative covenants include, among others, limitations on the Company's ability to, subject to certain exceptions, incur additional debt.

The Company intends to use the proceeds from the Loan to advance its lead product candidate, apraglutide, and for general corporate purposes.

The Agreement

On March 30, 2022, the Company entered into the Agreement with AKP. Under the Agreement, the Company has granted an exclusive license, with the right to sublicense in multiple tiers, to AKP, to develop, commercialize and exploit products derived from the Company's lead product candidate, apraglutide, within the territory of Japan. The Company and AKP will form a joint steering committee to handle development and regulatory plans, and AKP's activities under the agreement will be conducted in partnership with the Company. The Company retains all rights to apraglutide not granted to AKP.

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Company will receive an upfront payment of JPY 3.0 billion (approximately USD 25M) and a cost-sharing payment of JPY 0.6 billion (approximately USD 5M) for development costs, both payable at closing. The Company is further eligible to receive up to a possible total of JPY 21.0 billion (approximately USD 170M) for cost-sharing, regulatory and commercialization milestones, as well as tiered royalties of up to a mid-double digit percentage on product sales continuing until the later of (i) expiration of regulatory exclusivity in Japan, or (ii) expiration of the last valid patent claim that provides exclusivity to apraglutide in Japan, or the Royalty Term. The Agreement will terminate upon the expiration of the Royalty Term.

The Company hereby incorporates by reference the information contained in the body of this Report on Form 6-K into the Company's registration statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-255524).

A copy of the press release announcing the Loan and the Agreement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Forward-Looking Statements

Any statements contained in this Report on Form 6-K that do not describe historical facts may constitute forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may be identified by words such as "will", "shall", "intends" and similar expressions, and are based on the Company's current beliefs and expectations. These statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in such statements. Some of the key factors that could cause actual results to differ from our expectations include the success of development and commercialization efforts with respect to the Company's lead product candidate; and other risks and uncertainties that are described in the Risk Factors section of VectivBio Holding AG's Registration Statement on Form F-1 declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 8, 2021 and its other subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements contained in this Report on Form 6-K speak only as of the date on which they were made. Except to the extent required by law, VectivBio Holding AG undertakes no obligation to update such statements to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

Exhibits

[99.1](#) [Press Release of the Company dated March 30, 2022](#)

VectivBio Announces Japan License Deal and Loan Facility Agreement, Providing up to \$117 Million to Fuel the Company Through Key Catalysts

- *Exclusive License with Asahi Kasei Pharma to develop and commercialize Apraglutide in Japan includes \$30 million upfront cash payment, eligibility for up to \$170 million in development and commercial milestones and double-digit royalties on apraglutide sales in Japan*
- *Loan facility established with Kreos Capital, a leading global growth lender to life sciences and healthcare companies, granting the company access of up to \$75 million, with a minimum commitment to draw down \$10 million*
 - *VectivBio to hold FY 2021 Earnings Call and Business Update on April 7, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. ET*

BASEL, Switzerland, March 30, 2022 – VectivBio Holding AG (“VectivBio”) (Nasdaq: VECT), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company pioneering novel transformational treatments for severe rare conditions, today announced that it has entered two agreements that will strengthen the company’s balance sheet, bolster the company’s operations and expand apraglutide’s commercial potential beyond VectivBio’s core markets in the US and EU. The two agreements, together with VectivBio’s cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2021 of \$103 million, provides up to \$220 million in operating capital.

The company entered into an exclusive licensing agreement with Asahi Kasei Pharma Corporation (“Asahi Kasei Pharma”) to develop and commercialize apraglutide, a next-generation, long-acting GLP-2 analog, for the treatment of short bowel syndrome with intestinal failure (SBS-IF), steroid-refractory acute graft-versus-host disease (aGVHD) and future indications in Japan. Under the terms of the agreement, VectivBio will receive an upfront cash payment of approximately \$30 million (\$5 million of which is the first installment of Asahi Kasei Pharma’s development cost-sharing) and eligibility for up to approximately \$170 million in milestone payments if certain development, regulatory and commercial events are achieved. VectivBio is also eligible to receive tiered, double-digit, escalating royalties on sales of apraglutide in Japan. Asahi Kasei Pharma has a right to participate in the development of new indications and lead and fund all development, registration and commercialization activities in Japan.

“We are excited to partner with Asahi Kasei Pharma, a leader in the Japanese pharmaceutical industry with a proven history of successful drug development, commercialization and global collaborations. This agreement accelerates the development of apraglutide in Japan, a key market outside our core commercial strategy. Moreover, it validates apraglutide’s best or first-in-class potential across a range of GI conditions and VectivBio’s ability to execute global development programs which includes Asia,” said Luca Santarelli, M.D., Ph.D., Founder and Chief Executive Officer of VectivBio.

“We are pleased to enter into this agreement with VectivBio, whose expertise in identifying and developing novel therapies to treat rare conditions makes them an attractive partner for Asahi Kasei Pharma. GLP-2 presents a well-established mechanism to impact gut health, protecting against damage and regenerating the GI tract, and apraglutide’s profile to date further suggests it may possess best-in-class physiological properties compared to other GLP-2 agonists,” said Yoshikazu Aoki, Ph.D., President of Asahi Kasei Pharma.

VectivBio also entered into a loan facility with Kreos Capital, a leading global growth lender to life sciences and healthcare companies, granting it access of up to a \$75 million flexible loan facility with a minimum required drawdown of \$10 million.

“The combination of these two deals provides us with increased optionality as we pursue our development priorities and continue to build our company into a global rare disease leader, extending our cash runway well beyond our major catalysts,” said Luca Santarelli.

“This is an exciting time for VectivBio as the Company progresses through the clinical development of apraglutide. We are very pleased to support the Company in bringing a new treatment to market for patients with SBS-IF. We have been very impressed by the team from the start and look forward to supporting them on this journey,” added Maurizio PetitBon, General Partner at Kreos Capital.

Fiscal Year 2021 Earning's and Business Update Conference Call

The Company will be holding a conference call to discuss 2021 results and provide a business update on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. ET.

To participate in the call, please dial 855-307-5413 (domestic) or 929-517-0945 (international) and refer to conference ID number 9892600. A webcast will be accessible under Events and Presentations in the Investors & Media section of VectivBio's website at ir.vectivbio.com. An archived replay of the webcast will be available on VectivBio's website approximately two hours after the conference call and will be available for 30 days following the call.

About VectivBio AG

VectivBio (Nasdaq: VECT) is a global clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on transforming and improving the lives of patients with severe rare conditions. Lead product candidate apraglutide is a next-generation, long-acting synthetic GLP-2 analog being developed for a range of rare gastrointestinal diseases where GLP-2 can play a central role in addressing disease pathophysiology, including short bowel syndrome with intestinal failure (SBS-IF) and Acute Graft-Versus-Host Disease (aGVHD).

VectivBio is also advancing its modular, small molecule CoMET platform to address a broad range of previously undruggable Inherited Metabolic Diseases (IMDs). CoMET leverages innovative chemistry, based on a proprietary stabilized pantetheine backbone, to restore fundamental cellular metabolism in pediatric populations with IMDs characterized by a deficit of energy metabolism caused by the depletion of functional Coenzyme A ("CoA"). Candidates from the CoMET platform are initially being evaluated in methylmalonic acidemia (MMA), propionic acidemia (PA), and other organic acidimias.

About Asahi Kasei Pharma

In accordance with the Asahi Kasei Pharma Mission "To sincerely care for each individual life and solve their unmet medical needs with a wealth of ideas and solid science," Asahi Kasei Pharma operates pharmaceutical and diagnostic businesses in the Health Care Business Unit of the Asahi Kasei Group. For more information, please visit <https://www.asahikasei-pharma.co.jp/en/>.

About Kreos Capital

Kreos Capital is the leading growth debt provider in Europe and Israel, backing high-growth companies through every stage of their life-cycle. Kreos targets investments in all areas of the Technology and Healthcare sectors and, to date, has committed in excess of €3.7 billion in more than 670 portfolio company transactions, across 17 countries. With over \$1.5 billion in current funds under management Kreos can invest between €2 million and €100 million per transaction in both public and private companies across all stages.

Learn more at www.vectivbio.com, and follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

Forward Looking Statements

Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts. Words and phrases such as "anticipated," "forward," "will," "would," "may," "remain," "potential," "prepare," "expected," "believe," "plan," "near future," "belief," "guidance," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning the Company's plans regarding the use of funds from the debt facility with Kreos Capital and the prospects of its platform, as well as potential upcoming data readouts from its clinical trials. All of such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and generally beyond VectivBio's control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied or projected by, the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are

not limited to: the impacts of the Russian/Ukrainian war and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including interruptions or other adverse effects on clinical trials and delays in regulatory review; delay in or failure to obtain regulatory approval of VectivBio's product candidate and successful compliance with FDA and other governmental regulations applicable to product approvals; the risks inherent in drug development and in conducting clinical trials; and those risks and uncertainties identified in the "Risk Factors" section of VectivBio's Registration Statement on Form F-1 declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 8, 2021 and its other subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements contained in this press release speak only as of the date on which they were made. Except to the extent required by law, VectivBio undertakes no obligation to update such statements to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

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