

Biotie Therapies Corp.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO
Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

BIOTIE THERAPIES OYJ
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))
ACORDA THERAPEUTICS, INC.
(Name of Filing Person (Offeror))

Ordinary shares, no nominal value (Ordinary Shares)
American Depositary Shares (ADSs), each representing 80 ordinary shares, no nominal value
Option rights issued under the December 6, 2011 option plan (2011 Option Rights)
Option rights issued under the January 2, 2014 option plan (2014 Option Rights)
Option rights issued under the January 4, 2016 option plan (2016 Option Rights)
Share units issued under the December 6, 2011 equity incentive plan (2011 Share Rights)

Share units under the January 2, 2014 equity incentive plan (2014 Share Rights)\

Option rights awards under the Swiss option plan dated June 18, 2008 (Swiss Option Rights)

Warrants issued on May 28, 2015 (Warrants)

(Title of Class of Securities)

FI0009011571 (Ordinary Shares)

09074D103 (ADSs)

None (2011 Option Rights)

None (2014 Option Rights)

None (2016 Option Rights)

None (2011 Share Rights)

None (2014 Share Rights)

None (Swiss Option Rights)

None (Warrants)

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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- .. Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)
- .. Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third Party Tender Offer)

The pre-commencement communication filed under cover of this Schedule TO relates to a planned tender offer (the Tender Offer) by Acorda Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Acorda) for all of the outstanding Ordinary Shares, ADSs, 2011 Option Rights, 2014 Option Rights, 2016 Option Rights, 2011 Share Rights, 2014 Share Rights, Swiss Option Rights and Warrants (collectively, the Equity Interests) in Biotie Therapies Corp., a Finnish corporation (Biotie), pursuant to a Combination Agreement, dated as of January 19, 2015, by and between Acorda and Biotie.

On March 3, 2016, Acorda issued a press release announcing that it has filed the tender offer document relating to the Tender Offer with the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority.

The Tender Offer has not yet commenced, and this Schedule TO is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell securities. At the time the Tender Offer is commenced, Acorda will file, or will cause a new wholly owned subsidiary to file, with the SEC a tender offer statement on Schedule TO. Investors and holders of Biotie Equity Interests are strongly advised to read the tender offer statement (including an offer to purchase, letter of transmittal and related tender offer documents) and the related solicitation/recommendation statement on Schedule 14D-9 that will be filed by Biotie with the SEC, because they will contain important information. These documents will be available at no charge on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov upon the commencement of the Tender Offer. In addition, a copy of the offer to purchase, letter of transmittal and other related tender offer documents (once they become available) may be obtained free of charge by directing a request to Acorda at www.acorda.com or Office of the Corporate Secretary, 420 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, New York 10502.

In addition to the offer to purchase, the related letter of transmittal and certain other offer documents, as well as the solicitation/recommendation statement, Acorda files annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information filed by Acorda at the SEC public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Acorda's filings with the SEC are also available to the public from commercial document-retrieval services and at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov.

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Item 12. Exhibits.

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Description

99.1 Press release dated March 3, 2016