
**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
(Amendment No. 6)

SPARK THERAPEUTICS, INC.
(Name of Subject Company)
022019 MERGER SUBSIDIARY, INC.
(Offeror)
A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of
ROCHE HOLDINGS, INC.
(Parent of Offeror)
(Names of Filing Persons—Offeror)
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 Per Share
(Title of Class of Securities)

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(Cusip Number of Class of Securities)

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation*	Amount of Filing Fee**
\$4,805,265,563.50	\$582,398.19

* Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the filing fee pursuant to Rule 0-11(d) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The Transaction Value was calculated by adding (i) the product of (A) 38,053,350 outstanding shares ("Shares") of common stock of Spark Therapeutics, Inc., of which 8,750 were restricted shares and (B) \$114.50 (the "Offer Price"); (ii) the product of (A) 4,157,775 Shares subject to issuance pursuant to Spark Stock Options granted and outstanding under the Spark Equity Incentive Plans and (B) \$71.74, which is the difference between the \$114.50 per share tender offer price and \$42.76, the average weighted exercise price of such options (all of which are "in-the-

money”); (iii) the product of (A) outstanding restricted stock units in respect of 1,287,829 Shares subject to such restricted stock units (with any applicable performance conditions deemed to be achieved at maximum performance) and (B) the Offer Price; and (iv) the product of (A) 21,151 Shares which are estimated to be subject to outstanding purchase rights under the 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (assuming that the closing price per Share as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on the last day of the offering period in effect under the 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on May 31, 2019 was equal to the Offer Price) and (B) the Offer Price.

The foregoing figures have been provided by Spark Therapeutics, Inc. to the Offeror and Parent of Offeror and are as of February 28, 2019, the most recent practicable date.

** The amount of the filing fee was calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 of the Securities Exchange Act, by multiplying the Transaction Valuation by 0.0001212.

Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid:	<u>\$582,398.19</u>	Filing Party:	<u>Roche Holdings, Inc.</u>
Form or Registration No.:	<u>Schedule TO</u>	Date Filed:	<u>March 7, 2019</u>

Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

- third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer.

This Amendment No. 6 to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO amends and supplements the Schedule TO filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 7, 2019 (as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time, the “**Schedule TO**”) and relates to the offer by 022019 Merger Subsidiary, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Roche Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“**Parent**”), to purchase all outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share of Spark Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“**Spark**”), at \$114.50 per Share, net to the seller in cash, without interest and less applicable withholding taxes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated March 7, 2019, and in the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are incorporated by reference to Exhibits (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii), respectively, of the Schedule TO (which, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively constitute the “**Offer**”).

All information contained in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal, including all schedules thereto, is hereby incorporated herein by reference in response to Items 1 through 9 and Item 11 in the Schedule TO. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this Amendment have the meanings given to such terms in the Offer to Purchase.

Items 1 through 9; and Item 11.

1. The information set forth in Section 16—“Certain Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals—Regulatory Matters” of the Offer to Purchase under the “*U.S. Antitrust*” subsection is hereby amended and restated in its entirety and replaced by the paragraphs set forth below.

Under the HSR Act and the rules that have been promulgated thereunder, certain acquisition transactions may not be consummated unless Premerger Notification and Report Forms have been filed with the Federal Trade Commission (the “FTC”) and the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice (the “Antitrust Division”) and certain waiting period requirements have been satisfied. The purchase of Shares pursuant to the Offer and the Merger is subject to such requirements.

Each of Parent and Spark filed a Premerger Notification and Report Form under the HSR Act with respect to the Offer and the Merger with the Antitrust Division and the FTC on March 1, 2019. On March 18, 2019, Parent withdrew the March 1, 2019 filing and refiled the Premerger Notification and Report Form with respect to the Offer and the Merger with the Antitrust Division and the FTC. Parent subsequently withdrew the March 18, 2019 filing effective on April 2, 2019 and Parent and Spark each refiled their respective Premerger Notification and Report Forms. Effective April 25, 2019, Parent withdrew the April 10, 2019 filing. Parent and Spark intend to each refile their respective Premerger Notification and Report Forms on or about May 23, 2019. Following such refiling by Parent, the waiting period applicable to the purchase of the Shares pursuant to the Offer will expire at 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on or about June 7, 2019, but this period may be shortened if the FTC or the Antitrust Division, as applicable, grants “early termination” of the waiting period, or it may change if Parent voluntarily withdraws and refiles its Premerger Notification and Report Form in order to restart the 15-day waiting period or if the reviewing agency issues a formal request for additional information and documentary material. If such a request is made, the waiting period will be extended until 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on the date that is ten calendar days after substantial compliance by Parent with such request. Thereafter, such waiting period can be extended only by court order or agreement of Parent, Purchaser, Spark and the Antitrust Division or the FTC, as applicable. See “—Section 15—Conditions to the Offer” for certain conditions to the Offer, including conditions with respect to certain governmental actions, and “—Section 13—The Transaction Documents—The Merger Agreement—Termination” for certain termination rights pursuant to the Merger Agreement with respect to certain governmental actions. It is also possible that Parent and Spark could enter into a timing agreement with the reviewing agency that could affect the timing of the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement.

2. The information set forth in Items 1 through 9 and Item 11 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following text thereto:

On May 14, 2019, in connection with the expected refiling of the Premerger Notification and Report Forms under the HSR Act, pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Parent extended the expiration of the Offer. The Offer was previously scheduled to expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City Time, on June 3, 2019. The expiration date of the Offer is extended to 5:00 p.m., New York City Time, on June 14, 2019, unless further extended. The Depository has advised Parent that, as of 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on May 13, 2019, approximately 8,070,178 Shares (none of which were tendered by Notice of Guaranteed Delivery) had been validly tendered and received, and not validly withdrawn, pursuant to the Offer, representing approximately 21.0% of the outstanding Shares.

On May 14, Parent issued a media release relating to the refiling of the Premerger Notification and Report Form and announcing the extension of the Offer. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit (a)(5)(xix) to the Schedule TO and is incorporated herein by reference.

3. Amendments to the Offer to Purchase and the exhibits to the Schedule TO:

The information set forth in the Offer to Purchase and Items 1 through 9 and Item 11 of the Schedule TO, to the extent such Items incorporate by reference the information contained in the Offer to Purchase, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

All references to “5:00 p.m., New York City time, on June 3, 2019” set forth in the Offer to Purchase (Exhibit (a)(1)(i)), Letter of Transmittal (Exhibit (a)(1)(ii)), Notice of Guaranteed Delivery (Exhibit (a)(1)(iii)), Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees (Exhibit (a)(1)(iv)), and Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees (Exhibit (a)(1)(v)) are hereby amended and replaced with “5:00 p.m., New York City time, on June 14, 2019”.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Item 12 of the Schedule TO and the Exhibit Index is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following Exhibits to the List of Exhibits:

Exhibit No.	Description
(a)(5)(xix)*	Media Release issued by Roche Holdings, Inc., dated May 14, 2019.

* Filed herewith

SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, each of the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 14, 2019

022019 MERGER SUBSIDIARY, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce Resnick
Name: Bruce Resnick
Title: President

ROCHE HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce Resnick
Name: Bruce Resnick
Title: Vice President

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
(a)(1)(i)	Offer to Purchase, dated as of March 7, 2019.
(a)(1)(ii)	Letter of Transmittal (including Guidelines for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number on IRS Form W-9).
(a)(1)(iii)	Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
(a)(1)(iv)	Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
(a)(1)(v)	Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
(a)(1)(vi)	Summary Advertisement as published in the <i>Wall Street Journal</i> on March 7, 2019.
(a)(5)(i)	Media Release issued by Spark Therapeutics, Inc. dated February 25, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of the Spark Therapeutics, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-36819) filed with the Commission on February 25, 2019).
(a)(5)(ii)	Email sent to Spark Therapeutics, Inc. employees from Jeffrey Marrazzo, CEO of Spark Therapeutics, Inc., dated February 25, 2019 (incorporated by reference to the Spark Therapeutics, Inc. Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Form 14D-9 (File No. 005-88577) filed with the Commission on February 25, 2019).
(a)(5)(iii)	Spark Therapeutics, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 25, 2019 (incorporated by reference to the Spark Therapeutics, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-36819) filed with the Commission on February 25, 2019).
(a)(5)(iv)	Social media post by Spark Therapeutics, Inc. on www.twitter.com (incorporated by reference to the Company's Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed on February 25, 2019).
(a)(5)(v)	Social media post by Jeffrey D. Marrazzo, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, on www.twitter.com (incorporated by reference to the Company's Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed on February 25, 2019).
(a)(5)(vi)	Q&A provided to employees of Spark Therapeutics, Inc. on February 25, 2019 (incorporated by reference to the Company's Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed on February 25, 2019).
(a)(5)(vii)	Media Release issued by Roche Holdings, Inc. dated February 25, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of the first Roche Holdings, Inc. Pre-Commencement Communication on Schedule TO filed with the Commission on February 25, 2019).
(a)(5)(viii)	Key Messages and Q&A dated February 25, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 of the first Roche Holdings, Inc. Pre-Commencement Communication on Schedule TO filed with the Commission on February 25, 2019).
(a)(5)(ix)	Roche Press Release announcing the commencement of the Offer, dated as of March 7, 2019.
(a)(5)(x)	Complaint filed as of March 7, 2019 (Wang v. Spark Therapeutics, Inc., et al., Case No. 1:19-cv-00479).
(a)(5)(xi)	Complaint filed as of March 11, 2019 (Kent v. Spark Therapeutics, Inc., et al., Case No. 1:19-cv-00485).
(a)(5)(xii)	Complaint filed as of March 18, 2019 (Newman v. Spark Therapeutics, Inc., et al., Case No. 1:19-cv-00528).

Exhibit No.	Description
(a)(5)(xiii)	Complaint filed as of March 20, 2019 (Gomez v. Spark Therapeutics, Inc., et al., Case No. 1:19-cv-02487).
(a)(5)(xiv)	Media Release issued by Roche Holdings, Inc., dated April 3, 2019.
(a)(5)(xv)	Withdrawal and Refiling Q&A dated April 3, 2019.
(a)(5)(xvi)	Media Release issued by Roche Holdings, Inc., dated April 26, 2019.
(a)(5)(xvii)	Complaint filed as of April 18, 2019 (Grant v. Bennett, et al., Case No. 1:19-cv-02615).
(a)(5)(xviii)	Withdrawal and Refiling Q&A dated April 26, 2019.
(a)(5)(xix)*	Media Release issued by Roche Holdings, Inc., dated May 14, 2019.
(b)	Not applicable.
(c)	Not applicable.
(d)(1)	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 22, 2019, by and among Spark Therapeutics, Inc., Roche Holdings, Inc. and 022019 Merger Subsidiary, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the Spark Therapeutics, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-36819) filed with the Commission on February 25, 2019).
(d)(2)	Confidentiality Agreement, dated as of October 9, 2018, between Roche Holdings, Inc. and Spark Therapeutics, Inc.
(e)	Not applicable.
(f)	Section 262 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (included as Schedule II to the Offer to Purchase previously filed as Exhibit (a) (1)(i)).
(g)	Not applicable.
(h)	Not applicable.

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Media Release



Roche and Spark Therapeutics, Inc. announce expected refiling date of Premerger Notification and Report Forms under the HSR Act and extension of tender offer for shares of Spark Therapeutics, Inc.

- **Parties elect to refile Premerger Notification and Report Forms on or about 23 May 2019 to provide the government with additional time to complete its current review**

Basel, 14 May 2019 - Roche (SIX: RO, ROG; OTCQX: RHHBY) and Spark Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: ONCE) ("Spark") today announced that Roche and Spark intend to refile on or about 23 May 2019 their respective Premerger Notification and Report Forms under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act (the "HSR Act") in connection with Roche's pending acquisition of Spark pursuant to its previously announced tender offer to purchase all of the outstanding shares of common stock (the "Shares") of Spark for USD 114.50 per Share, net to the seller thereof in cash, without interest and subject to any withholding taxes required by applicable law and upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated 7 March 2019 (as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time, the "Offer"). The parties had previously announced that they expected to refile on or about 9 May 2019. However, the parties have elected to instead refile on or about 23 May 2019 in order to provide the government with additional time to complete its current review. The regulatory review of the transaction is ongoing, and the parties are actively working with the government to facilitate that process.

Following the refiling by Roche, the waiting period applicable to the pending acquisition will expire at 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on or about 7 June 2019, but this period may be shortened if the government grants "early termination" of the waiting period, or it may change if Roche voluntarily withdraws and Roche refiles its Premerger Notification and Report Forms in order to restart the 15-day waiting period or if the reviewing agency issues a formal request for additional information and documentary material.

Closing of the Offer is conditioned upon, among other customary closing conditions, the expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act. As a result of the withdrawal and refiling of the Premerger Notification and Report Forms, the conditions to the Offer are not expected to be satisfied at the currently scheduled expiration of the tender offer. Therefore, Roche is extending the offering period of the Offer, which was previously scheduled to expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Monday, 3 June 2019, until 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, 14 June 2019, unless it is extended further under the circumstances set forth in the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated 22 February 2019, by and among Roche Holdings, Inc., 022019 Merger Subsidiary, Inc., and Spark. All terms and conditions of the Offer shall remain unchanged during the extended period.

Citibank, N.A., the depository for the Offer, has advised Roche that, as of 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on May 13, 2019, the last business day prior to the announcement of the extension of the Offer, approximately 8,070,178 Shares of Spark (none of which were tendered by notice of guaranteed delivery) had been validly tendered and received, and not validly withdrawn, pursuant to the Offer, representing approximately 21.0% of Spark's outstanding Shares. Shareholders who have already tendered their Shares of Spark do not have to re-tender their Shares or take any other action as a result of the extension of the expiration date of the Offer.

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MacKenzie Partners, Inc. is acting as information agent for the Offer. Requests for documents and questions regarding the Offer may be directed to MacKenzie Partners, Inc. by telephone, toll-free at (800) 322-2885 (please call (212) 929-5500 (collect) if you are located outside the US or Canada) or via email at tenderoffer@mackenziepartners.com.

About Spark Therapeutics

Spark Therapeutics is a fully integrated, commercial company committed to discovering, developing and delivering gene therapies. The company challenges the inevitability of genetic diseases, including blindness, haemophilia, lysosomal storage disorders and neurodegenerative diseases.

Founded in March 2013 as a result of the technology and know-how accumulated over two decades at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), Spark Therapeutics' investigational therapies have the potential to provide long-lasting effects, dramatically and positively changing the lives of patients with conditions where no, or only palliative, therapies exist. Greater understanding of the human genome and genetic abnormalities have allowed Spark Therapeutics' scientists to tailor investigational therapies to patients suffering from very specific genetic diseases. This approach holds great promise in developing effective treatments to a host of inherited diseases.

Spark Therapeutics is headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

About Roche

Roche is a global pioneer in pharmaceuticals and diagnostics focused on advancing science to improve people's lives. The combined strengths of pharmaceuticals and diagnostics under one roof have made Roche the leader in personalised healthcare – a strategy that aims to fit the right treatment to each patient in the best way possible.

Roche is the world's largest biotech company, with truly differentiated medicines in oncology, immunology, infectious diseases, ophthalmology and diseases of the central nervous system. Roche is also the world leader in in vitro diagnostics and tissue-based cancer diagnostics, and a frontrunner in diabetes management.

Founded in 1896, Roche continues to search for better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat diseases and make a sustainable contribution to society. The company also aims to improve patient access to medical innovations by working with all relevant stakeholders. Thirty medicines developed by Roche are included in the World Health Organization Model Lists of Essential Medicines, among them life-saving antibiotics, antimalarials and cancer medicines. Moreover, for the tenth consecutive year, Roche has been recognised as the most sustainable company in the Pharmaceuticals Industry by the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI).

The Roche Group, headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, is active in over 100 countries and in 2018 employed about 94,000 people worldwide. In 2018, Roche invested CHF 11 billion in R&D and posted sales of CHF 56.8 billion. Genentech, in the United States, is a wholly owned member of the Roche Group. Roche is the majority shareholder in Chugai Pharmaceutical, Japan. For more information, please visit www.roche.com.

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SOME OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT ARE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, INCLUDING STATEMENTS REGARDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE EXPECTED CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTION, WHICH

INVOLVES A NUMBER OF RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES, INCLUDING THE SATISFACTION OF CLOSING CONDITIONS FOR THE TRANSACTION, INCLUDING REGULATORY APPROVAL, THE TENDER OF A MAJORITY OF THE OUTSTANDING SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF SPARK THERAPEUTICS, THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE TRANSACTION WILL NOT BE COMPLETED, AND OTHER RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES DISCUSSED IN SPARK THERAPEUTICS' PUBLIC FILINGS WITH THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE "SEC"), INCLUDING THE "RISK FACTORS" SECTIONS OF SPARK THERAPEUTICS' ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018, AND IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PERIODIC REPORTS ON FORM 10-Q AND FORM 8-K, AS WELL AS THE TENDER OFFER DOCUMENTS FILED BY ROCHE AND ITS ACQUISITION SUBSIDIARY AND THE SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION FILED BY SPARK THERAPEUTICS. THESE STATEMENTS ARE BASED ON CURRENT EXPECTATIONS, ASSUMPTIONS, ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS, AND INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY CAUSE RESULTS, LEVELS OF ACTIVITY, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM ANY FUTURE STATEMENTS. THESE STATEMENTS ARE GENERALLY IDENTIFIED BY WORDS OR PHRASES SUCH AS "BELIEVE", "ANTICIPATE", "EXPECT", "INTEND", "PLAN", "WILL", "MAY", "SHOULD", "ESTIMATE", "PREDICT", "POTENTIAL", "CONTINUE" OR THE NEGATIVE OF SUCH TERMS OR OTHER SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS. IF UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS PROVE INACCURATE OR UNKNOWN RISKS OR UNCERTAINTIES MATERIALIZE, ACTUAL RESULTS AND THE TIMING OF EVENTS MAY DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THE RESULTS AND/OR TIMING DISCUSSED IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, AND YOU SHOULD NOT PLACE UNDUE RELIANCE ON THESE STATEMENTS. ROCHE AND SPARK THERAPEUTICS DISCLAIM ANY INTENT OR OBLIGATION TO UPDATE ANY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT OR OTHERWISE.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO PURCHASE OR A SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO SELL ANY SHARES OF THE COMMON STOCK OF SPARK THERAPEUTICS. THE TENDER OFFER IS ONLY BEING MADE PURSUANT TO AN OFFER TO PURCHASE AND RELATED MATERIALS. ROCHE AND ITS ACQUISITION SUBSIDIARY FILED A TENDER OFFER STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE AS WITH THE SEC ON MARCH 7, 2019, AND SPARK THERAPEUTICS FILED A SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 14D-9 WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFER WITH THE SEC ON MARCH 7, 2019, IN EACH CASE AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THESE MATERIALS (INCLUDING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE, A RELATED LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND CERTAIN OTHER TENDER OFFER DOCUMENTS), AS THEY MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, CAREFULLY BEFORE ANY DECISION IS MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE TENDER OFFER SINCE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER. THE OFFER TO PURCHASE, SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT AND RELATED MATERIALS HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE SEC, AND INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS MAY OBTAIN A FREE COPY OF THESE MATERIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY ROCHE AND SPARK THERAPEUTICS WITH THE SEC AT THE WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY THE SEC AT WWW.SEC.GOV. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS MAY ALSO OBTAIN FREE COPIES OF THE SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC BY SPARK THERAPEUTICS AT WWW.SPARKTX.COM.

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