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For the month of December 2003

Acambis plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Peterhouse Technology Park
100 Fulbourn Road
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Holding in Company

Cambridge, UK and Cambridge, Massachusetts 3 December 2003 Acambis plc (Acambis) (LSE: ACM, NASDAQ: ACAM) announces that it has today received notification that as from 28 November 2003 Barclays PLC no longer held a notifiable interest in the share capital of Acambis.

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Notes to editors:

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Acambis files US licence application for ARILVAX yellow fever vaccine

Cambridge, UK and Cambridge, Massachusetts 12 December 2003 Acambis plc (Acambis) (LSE: ACM, NASDAQ: ACAM) announces that it has filed a Biologics License Application (BLA) with the CBER division of the US Food and Drug Administration to seek registration in the US of its ARILVAX™ vaccine to prevent yellow fever.

Acambis recently completed a Phase III paediatric trial of ARILVAX™, which provided additional data to supplement that generated from two previous Phase III adult trials.

ARILVAX™ is a live, attenuated vaccine to prevent yellow fever. It is already registered in 17 countries, including the UK, and Acambis has the rights to market the vaccine in the US. Rights outside of the US are owned by Chiron Corporation.

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Holding in Company

Cambridge, UK and Cambridge, Massachusetts 19 December 2003 Acambis plc (Acambis) (LSE: ACM, NASDAQ: ACAM) notes that Baxter International, Inc. (Baxter) (NYSE: BAX) yesterday filed a Schedule 13D with the US Securities and Exchange Commission announcing the sale of all of its equity shareholding in Acambis.

Baxter's relationship with Acambis dates back to September 2000 when Baxter and Acambis commenced a strategic collaboration at which time the two companies entered into commercial agreements and a subscription agreement.

The subscription agreement was for £27.8 million of Acambis ordinary shares at a weighted average price of 130p over a three-year period, which resulted in the issue of 21,349,994 shares or 20.3 per cent of Acambis' issued share capital.

The commercial agreements covered contract manufacturing, technology transfer and distribution arrangements between the two companies. The collaboration was subsequently expanded to encompass a lease financing arrangement and partnerships to bid for and win contracts around the world to supply smallpox vaccines. Most notably, Acambis and Baxter teamed up to win a major \$428m ACAM2000 smallpox vaccine contract with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and, more recently, a contract with the US National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the US National Institutes of Health, to develop and supply a third-generation smallpox vaccine, MVA.

All of the commercial arrangements between the two companies remain in place and are not affected by this sale. Moreover, Baxter and Acambis are collaborating again to respond to a Request for Proposals recently issued by the NIAID for a second MVA contract.

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Increase in Directors' shareholdings

Cambridge, UK 19 December 2003 Acambis plc (Acambis) (LSE: ACM, NASDAQ: ACAM) announces transactions involving Directors' shareholdings in Acambis.

On 19 December 2003, Gordon Cameron, Chief Financial Officer, exercised options over a total of 320,954 shares, 170,954 at 170p per share and 150,000 at 92p per share. At the same time, he sold 259,295 of these shares at 288p per share in part to fund the cost of exercising the options and the tax liabilities arising thereon. Following these transactions, Mr Cameron's shareholding in Acambis increased from 163,849 to 225,508 shares representing approximately 0.21% of Acambis' issued ordinary share capital, of which 133,711 shares are held by the Trustees of Acambis Employees' Trust on behalf of Mr Cameron.

Also on 19 December 2003, Nicolas Higgins, Chief Business Officer, exercised options over 150,000 shares at 92p per share. At the same time, he sold 98,100 of these shares at 288p per share in order to fund the cost of exercising the options and the tax liabilities arising thereon. After these transactions, the shareholdings in Acambis held by Mr Higgins and his wife had increased from 176,901 to 228,801 shares, representing approximately 0.22% of Acambis' issued ordinary share capital.

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SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

- 1) Name of company
Acambis plc
 - 2) Name of director
Gordon Cameron
 - 3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest
As above
 - 4) Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)
As above
 - 5) Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the Director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)
N/A
 - 6) Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary
Grant of options under The Acambis 1999 Share Option Plan
 - 7) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired
N/A
 - 8) Percentage of issued class
N/A
 - 9) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed
N/A
 - 10) Percentage of issued class
N/A
 - 11) Class of security
N/A
 - 12) Price per share
N/A
 - 13) Date of transaction
N/A
 - 14) Date company informed
N/A
 - 15) Total holding following this notification
N/A
 - 16) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
N/A
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If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes

- 17) Date of grant
19 December 2003
- 18) Period during which or date on which exercisable
19 December 2006 18 December 2013
- 19) Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option
Nil
- 20) Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number
32,561 ordinary shares of 10p each
- 21) Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise
276p per share
- 22) Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification
567,916 ordinary shares of 10p each
- 23) Any additional information
N/A
- 24) Name of contact and telephone number for queries
Elizabeth Brown 01223 275300
- 25) Name company official responsible for making this notification
Elizabeth Brown

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NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

- 1) Name of company
Acambis plc
- 2) Name of director
Nicolas Higgins
- 3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest
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N/A

8) Percentage of issued class
N/A

9) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed
N/A

10) Percentage of issued class
N/A

11) Class of security
N/A

12) Price per share
N/A

13) Date of transaction
N/A

14) Date company informed
N/A

15) Total holding following this notification
N/A

16) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
N/A

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17) Date of grant
19 December 2003

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19 December 2006 18 December 2013

19) Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option
Nil

20) Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number
32,428 ordinary shares of 10p each

21) Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise
276p per share

22) Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification
493,081 ordinary shares of 10p each

23) Any additional information
N/A

24) Name of contact and telephone number for queries
Elizabeth Brown 01223 275300

25) Name company official responsible for making this notification
Elizabeth Brown

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NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

- 1) Name of company
Acambis plc
 - 2) Name of director
Dr Thomas Monath
 - 3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest
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N/A
 - 8) Percentage of issued class
N/A
 - 9) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed
N/A
 - 10) Percentage of issued class
N/A
 - 11) Class of security
N/A
 - 12) Price per share
N/A
 - 13) Date of transaction
N/A
 - 14) Date company informed
N/A
 - 15) Total holding following this notification
N/A
 - 16) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
N/A
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19 December 2003

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19 December 2006 18 December 2013

19) Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option

Nil

20) Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number

30,752 ordinary shares of 10p each

21) Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise

276p per share

22) Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification

486,910 ordinary shares of 10p each

23) Any additional information

N/A

24) Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Elizabeth Brown 01223 275300

25) Name company official responsible for making this notification

Elizabeth Brown

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of company
Acambis plc
 2. Name of shareholder having a major interest
Standard Life Investments
 3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18
As above
 4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

The legal entities holding these shares are as follows:
Stanlife Nominees Limited 3,471,484 shares
 5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired
558,823 shares
 6. Percentage of issued class
0.53%
 7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed
N/A
 8. Percentage of issued class
N/A
 9. Class of security
Ordinary shares of 10p each
 10. Date of transaction
19 December 2003
 11. Date company informed
22 December 2003
 12. Total holding following this notification
3,471,484 shares
 13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
3.29%
 14. Any additional information
N/A
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15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries
Elizabeth Brown tel: 01223 275300

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification
Elizabeth Brown, Company Secretary

Date of notification
22 December 2003

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SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of company

Acambis plc

2. Name of shareholder having a major interest

Morley Fund Management Limited (a subsidiary of Aviva plc)

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18

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4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

BNY Norwich Union Nominees Ltd 1,462,266 shares

Chase GA Group Nominees Ltd 3,853,279 shares

Chase Nominees Ltd 323,474 shares

CUIM Nominees Ltd 1,726,925 shares

RBSTB Nominees Ltd 185,983 shares

BNY (Nominees) Ltd 416,993 shares

Chase Nominees Ltd 762,600 shares

CUIM Nominee Ltd 154,940 shares

Vidacos Nominees Ltd 2,282,703 shares

5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

4,995,600 shares

6. Percentage of issued class

4.73%

7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed

N/a

8. Percentage of issued class

N/a

9. Class of security

Ordinary shares of 10p each

10. Date of transaction

19 December 2003

11. Date company informed

22 December 2003

12. Total holding following this notification

11,169,163 shares

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13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

10.57%

14. Any additional information

N/A

15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

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16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

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Holding in Company

Cambridge, UK and Cambridge, Massachusetts 2 January 2004 - Acambis plc (Acambis) (LSE: ACM, NASDAQ: ACAM) announces an interest in its shares by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

On 24 December 2003, Acambis received notification that, as of the close of business on 22 December 2003, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., (GS Inc) of 85 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004, USA, was interested, by attribution only, in a total of 11,394,681 ordinary shares of 10p each, representing a 10.79% holding of Acambis issued share capital.

Of these 11,394,681 shares:

a) the interest in 560,360 shares arose from an interest held by Goldman, Sachs & Co. (GS&Co.) a direct subsidiary of GS Inc, acting as custodian of 56,036 American Depositary Receipts (ADRs); these ADRs are, or will be, held at The Depository Trust Company, New York;

b) the interest in 9,073,260 shares arose from an interest held by GS&Co., a direct subsidiary of GS Inc, acting as custodian; these shares are, or will be, registered in the name of Goldman Sachs Securities (Nominees), Limited (GSSN);

c) the interest in 1,672,331 shares arose from a beneficial interest held by Goldman Sachs International (GSI) a direct subsidiary of GS Inc; these shares are, or will be, registered at CREST in account CREPTMP; and

d) the interest in 88,730 shares arose from the interest held by subsidiaries of GS Inc., acting as discretionary managers. It is understood that some of these shares are, or will be, registered in the name of GSSN.

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SIGNATURE

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

Date: 5 January 2003

ACAMBIS PLC

By: /s/ Lyndsay Wright

Name: Lyndsay Wright
Title: Director of Communications