H.C. WAINWRIGHT HIRES GREG CROOKS AS A DIRECTOR IN INVESTMENT BANKING GROUP

NEW YORK, July 18, 2017 – H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC ("HCW") announced today that Gregory A. Crooks has joined the firm's investment banking group as a Director. At HCW, he will focus his efforts on capital markets and M&A coverage of mid to large cap life sciences companies.

Mr. Crooks joins HCW from Jefferies LLC, where he was a Senior Vice President in Healthcare Investment Banking. Prior to Jefferies, he was a Director in Corporate Development for American Express and worked in the investment banking departments at Bank of America Merrill Lynch and JP Morgan.

"We are excited that Greg has chosen to join HCW as a senior member of the life sciences investment banking team," commented Mark Viklund, Chief Executive Officer of HCW. "His experience in originating and executing both capital markets and advisory transactions will add significant depth to HCW's life sciences corporate finance efforts.

About H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC

H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC is an investment bank dedicated to providing corporate finance, strategic advisory and related services to public and private growth companies across multiple sectors and regions. The H.C. Wainwright life sciences team has been the leader in the PIPE (private investment in public equity), RD (registered direct offering) and CMPO (Confidentially Marketed Public Offering) transaction markets. H.C. Wainwright was established in 1868 and is headquartered in New York City.