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Pasqal and Eleven Ventures Establish Commercial Joint Venture to Scale Quantum and AI Computing Across Saudi Arabia and the Broader MENA Region

Announcement coincides with the State Visit of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to France, highlighting growing cooperation in quantum computing, artificial intelligence and advanced technologies

PARIS, Aug. 24, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Pasqal, a global leader in neutral-atom quantum computing, and Eleven Ventures, a Kingdom of Saudi Arabia based investment platform and venture capital firm, today announced an agreement to establish a commercial joint venture to deploy, commercialize and scale Pasqal's quantum computing systems across the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (the "Kingdom") and the region, with plans to deploy multiple quantum systems in the coming years. The venture is designed to advance the Kingdom's Vision 2030 ambitions in artificial intelligence and advanced computing, and to position the Kingdom as a regional hub for quantum technology.

The joint venture intends to deploy and operate Pasqal's neutral-atom systems in the Kingdom and bring Pasqal to market for customers across the Kingdom and the wider region. It is also expected to build local talent and expertise, so that quantum capability is developed within the Kingdom rather than accessed from abroad. The appointment of HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki Bin Talal, the founder of Eleven Ventures, as Chairman of the Board of Pasqal Arabia will provide strategic leadership across the Kingdom and the region.



The announcement comes as the Kingdom and France deepen their strategic partnership in advanced technologies, coinciding with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's State Visit to France on August 24th. As part of the visit, the Kingdom's officials visited Pasqal's headquarters and quantum computer production site, underscoring the growing strategic importance of quantum computing cooperation between the two countries.

Pasqal believes that quantum computing and AI are converging into the infrastructure of the next decade of computing. Additionally, Pasqal believes that the joint venture will give customers in the Kingdom and the region direct, commercial access to that infrastructure at scale, meeting fast-growing regional demand for sovereign, high-performance computers.

"The Kingdom has moved faster than most markets to turn advanced computing into national capability. We believe this joint venture puts Pasqal's quantum systems inside the Kingdom, built to scale with the region's ambition - not adjacent to it," said Dr. Wasiq Bokhari, Chief Executive Officer of Pasqal.

"We believe that quantum today is where AI stood a few years ago, on the edge of changing everything. The difference is that this time, the Kingdom and the region are not watching from a distance, we are moving first, and in Pasqal we found a partner that will not wait either. Together we plan to deploy real systems, raise a generation of quantum talent, and make the Kingdom the home of this technology for the entire region," said HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki Bin Talal, Chairman of the Board of Pasqal Arabia.

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About Pasqal

Pasqal is a global leader in delivering practical quantum computing at scale utilizing neutral atom technology and dedicated software for industry, science, and governments. Since its founding in 2019, Pasqal has leveraged Nobel Prize winning research to build high-performance quantum systems and cloud-ready software designed to address complex challenges in optimization, simulation, and artificial intelligence.

Headquartered in France, Pasqal employs approximately 300 people and serves over 25 clients and partners, including Saudi Aramco, LG Electronics, Crédit Agricole CIB, CMA CGM, OVHcloud, Thales, IBM (Pasqal is part of the IBM Quantum Network), and Sumitomo.

Backed by more than USD 300 million in total funding from leading international investors, Pasqal is pursuing a listing on Nasdaq in partnership with Bleichroeder Acquisition Corp. II (Nasdaq: BBCQ) and is accelerating the adoption of scalable, high-performance quantum computing worldwide.

Forward Looking Statements

This communication contains certain statements that are not historical facts but may be considered “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements generally are accompanied by words such as “believe,” “may,” “might,” “will,” “estimate,” “continue,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “expect,” “should,” “would,” “could,” “plan,” “predict,” “project,” “forecast,” “potential,” “seem,” “seek,” “target,” “possible,” “future,” “outlook” or the negatives of these terms or variations of them or similar terminology or expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding future events, the proposed Business Combination between Bleichroeder and Pasqal, and other statements that are not historical facts.

These statements are based on the current expectations of Bleichroeder and/or Pasqal’s management and are not predictions of actual performance. These forward-looking statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to serve as, and must not be relied on, by any investor as a guarantee, an assurance, a prediction or a definitive statement of fact or probability. Actual events and circumstances are difficult or impossible to predict and will differ from assumptions. Many actual events and circumstances are beyond the control of Bleichroeder and Pasqal. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions regarding Pasqal’s business and the Business Combination, and actual results may differ materially. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: general economic, political, social and business conditions; uncertainty or changes with respect to laws and regulations; uncertainty or changes with respect to taxes, trade conditions and the macroeconomic environment; the inability of the parties to consummate the Business Combination or the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Business Combination Agreement entered into in connection to the Business Combination, including failure by Bleichroeder or Pasqal to receive their respective shareholder approval or required regulatory approvals of the Business Combination; the number of redemption requests made by Bleichroeder’s shareholders in connection with the Business Combination, leaving the combined company with insufficient cash to execute its business plans; the outcome of any legal proceedings or governmental investigations that may be instituted against the parties following the announcement of the Business Combination; failure to realize the anticipated benefits of the Business Combination, including as a result of a delay in consummating the potential transaction; the risk that the Business Combination disrupts Pasqal’s current plans and operations as a result of the announcement and consummation of the Business Combination; the risks related to Pasqal meeting expected business milestones; the effects of competition on Pasqal’s business; the ability of the combined company to execute its growth strategy, manage growth profitably and retain its key employees; the ability of the combined company to obtain or maintain the listing of its securities on a U.S. national securities exchange following the Business Combination; the ability to achieve dual listing on Euronext N.V. Paris following the Business Combination; costs related to the Business Combination; the ability of Bleichroeder or the combined company to raise capital or issue debt, equity or equity-linked securities in connection with the proposed Business Combination or in the future on reasonable terms or at all; the combined company’s ability to maintain internal control over financial reporting and operate as a public company; the risk from Pasqal pursuing an emerging technology, facing significant technical challenges and the potential that it may not achieve commercialization or market acceptance; Pasqal’s financial performance and limited operating history; Pasqal’s expectations regarding future financial performance, capital requirements and unit economics; Pasqal’s use and reporting of business and operational metrics; Pasqal’s competitive landscape; Pasqal’s dependence on members of its senior management and its ability to attract and retain qualified personnel; Pasqal’s potential need for additional future financing prior to or after the Business Combination as a combined company; Pasqal’s concentration of revenue in contracts with government or state-funded entities; Pasqal’s ability to manage growth and expand its operations; potential future acquisitions or investments in companies, products, services or technologies; Pasqal’s reliance on strategic partners and other third parties; Pasqal’s ability to maintain, protect and defend its intellectual property rights; risks associated with privacy, data protection or cybersecurity incidents and related regulations; the use, rate of adoption and regulation of artificial intelligence and machine learning; and other risks that will be detailed from time to time in filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). The foregoing list of risk factors is not exhaustive. There may be additional risks that Pasqal and Bleichroeder presently do not know or that Pasqal and Bleichroeder currently believe are immaterial that could also cause actual results to differ from those contained in forward-looking statements. In addition, forward-looking statements provide Pasqal’s and/or Bleichroeder’s expectations, plans and forecasts of future events and views as of the date of this communication. Pasqal and Bleichroeder anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause their assessments to change. However, while Pasqal and/or Bleichroeder may elect to update these forward-looking statements in the future, Pasqal and Bleichroeder specifically disclaim any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Pasqal’s or Bleichroeder’s assessments as of any date subsequent to the date of this communication. Accordingly, undue reliance should not be placed upon the forward-looking statements. Nothing herein should be regarded as a representation by any person that the forward-looking statements set forth herein will be achieved or results of such forward-looking statements will be achieved. An investment in Bleichroeder is not an investment in any of its founders’ or sponsors’ past investments, companies or affiliated funds. The historical results of those investments are not indicative of future performance of Bleichroeder, which may differ materially.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

The business combination will be submitted to shareholders of Bleichroeder for their consideration. In connection with the business combination, Bleichroeder, Bleichroeder Acquisition France Merger Sub 2, a société anonyme formed under the laws of the Republic of France and Pasqal jointly filed a registration statement on Form F-4 with the SEC, which was declared effective by the SEC on August 5, 2026 (as subsequently amended, the “Registration Statement”), and which includes a definitive proxy statement/prospectus, and any corresponding supplements filed with the SEC. The definitive proxy statement/prospectus, including any supplements thereto, and certain other related documents have been mailed to Bleichroeder shareholders as of August 4, 2026, the record date established for voting on the proposed transaction, in connection with Bleichroeder’s solicitation for proxies for the vote by Bleichroeder’s shareholders in connection with the Business Combination and other matters described in the Registration Statement, as well as the prospectus relating to the offer and sale of the securities to be issued to Pasqal’s shareholders in connection with the completion of the Business Combination. This communication is not a substitute for the Registration Statement, the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, including any supplements thereto, or any other document that Bleichroeder has sent to its shareholders in connection with the Business Combination.

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Participants in the Solicitation

Bleichroeder and its directors, executive officers, and other members of management, and consultants, under SEC rules, may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from Bleichroeder’s shareholders with respect to the Business Combination. A list of the names of those directors and executive officers and a description of their interests in Bleichroeder and the Business Combination is contained in the sections entitled “Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance,” “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters,” and “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence” of the Annual Report filed by Bleichroeder with the SEC on March 16, 2026 and the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 1, 2026, and each of which is available free of charge at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. Additional information regarding the interests of participants in the proxy solicitation and their direct and indirect interests will be contained in the Registration Statement and the proxy statement/prospectus, including any supplements thereto, when they become available.

Pasqal, its directors, executive officers, other members of management, employees and consultants, under SEC rules, may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies of Bleichroeder’s shareholders in connection with the Business Combination. A list of the names of such directors and executive officers and information regarding their interests in the Business Combination will be included in the Registration Statement and the proxy statement/prospectus, including any supplements thereto, when they become available.

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