Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Novo Holdings A/S					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SPRUCE BIOSCIENCES, INC. [ SPRB ]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director X 10% Owner							
(Last)						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/18/2024									Officer (give pelow)	title		Other ( below)	specify		
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		Table	l - N	lon-Deriva	ative	Secu	rities	Ac	quire	ed, Di	sposed of	f, or E	Benefici	ally O	wned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		· /	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Ad Disposed Of (D					5) S B O	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	T	eported ransaction(s nstr. 3 and 4	action(s)		Str. 4)	(Instr. 4)			
COMMO	COMMON STOCK			03/18/2024							842,020	D	\$0.768	34(1)	3,968,000			D			
COMMO	N STOCK			03/19/20	24				S		593,000	D	\$0.75	3,375,000			D				
COMMO	N STOCK			03/20/20	24				S		359,979	D	\$0.733	7336 <sup>(3)</sup> 3,015,021 D				D			
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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exe	e rcisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares								

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$0.75 to \$0.8004, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$0.7105 to \$0.7887, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- 3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$0.7110 to \$0.7633, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

## Remarks:

/s/ Barbara Fiorini Due,

General Counsel, Finance &

03/20/2024

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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