UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION April 19, 2018

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

NewLink Genetics Corporation

File No. 001-35342 - CF#36033

NewLink Genetics Corporation submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-K filed on March 5, 2018.

Based on representations by NewLink Genetics Corporation that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.48.1 through March 5, 2021 Exhibit 10.61 through March 5, 2028

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

Brent J. Fields Secretary