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MorphoSys and Galapagos Expand Antibody Alliance

MorphoSys AG (FSE: MOR; Prime Standard Segment, TecDAX) and Galapagos NV (Euronext: GLPG) announce that they have expanded their antibody alliance in bone and joint diseases. Based on the solid progress made so far, the partners have agreed to add another antibody target to the alliance, thereby increasing the total number of programs to four.

The alliance aims to discover and develop antibody therapeutics based on novel modes of action in bone and joint diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis and osteoarthritis. As part of the initial agreement, three targets were selected for the collaboration. Antibodies with high specificity towards the first target have been generated and are now being tested in disease-specific *in vitro* and *in vivo* experiments. In parallel, Galapagos has applied its target discovery platform to identify additional targets for antibody development. Based on this, Galapagos and MorphoSys have now added a fourth antibody target to the alliance. The partners have prioritized the targets in order to maximize the value and IP position of the respective therapeutic antibody programs.

“This collaboration provides Galapagos with a platform to develop antibody drugs for our proprietary targets,” said Onno van de Stolpe, Chief Executive Officer of Galapagos. “This, together with more than 40 R&D small molecule programs, solidifies our leading position in discovering innovative approaches to address diseases with unmet medical need.”

“The expansion of our proprietary pipeline is a key value driver for our company. In 2010, we plan to add up to four new proprietary programs including both fully owned and co-development opportunities such as with Galapagos,” commented Dr. Marlies Sproll, Chief Scientific Officer of MorphoSys. “Our alliance with Galapagos gives us access to novel disease-related target molecules which could build the basis for first-in-class antibody therapies in the future.”

About MorphoSys:

MorphoSys is an independent biotechnology company that develops novel antibodies for therapeutic, diagnostic and research applications. The Company’s HuCAL technology is one of the most powerful methods available for generating fully human antibodies. By successfully applying this and other proprietary technologies, MorphoSys has become a leader in the field of therapeutic antibodies, one of the fastest-growing drug classes in human health-care. Through its alliances with some of the world’s leading pharmaceutical companies, MorphoSys has created a pipeline of more than 60 drug candidates. The Company is expanding its drug pipeline by adding new partnered programs, and by building a portfolio of fully-owned therapeutic antibodies. For its proprietary portfolio, the Company is focused on the areas of oncology and inflammation. Its most advanced program MOR103, a first-in-class, fully human antibody against GM-CSF, is currently tested in a Phase Ib/IIa trial in rheumatoid arthritis patients. Via its business unit AbD Serotec, MorphoSys is expanding the reach of its technologies in the

diagnostics and research markets. MorphoSys is headquartered in Munich, Germany and listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol "MOR". For further information, visit <http://www.morphosys.com/>

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About Galapagos

Galapagos (Euronext: GLPG; OTC: GLPYY) is a mid-size biotechnology company specialized in the discovery and development of small molecule and antibody therapies with novel modes-of-action. The Company is progressing one of the largest pipelines in biotech, with four clinical and over 40 discovery/pre-clinical programs. Through risk/reward-sharing alliances with GlaxoSmithKline, Eli Lilly, Janssen Pharmaceutica, Merck & Co. and Roche, Galapagos is eligible to receive up to €3 billion (\$4.5 billion) in downstream milestones, plus royalties. Together with the service operations of BioFocus and Argenta, Galapagos has more than 640 employees and operates facilities in six countries, with global headquarters in Mechelen, Belgium. For further information, visit www.glpg.com

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