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# Cellectis and VitamFero Collaborate to Develop Vaccines against Parasitic Infection

**Paris and Evry (France), June 6, 2011** – Cellectis (Alternext: ALCLS), the genome engineering specialist, and VitamFero, a biotech company of the Genopole<sup>®</sup> portfolio developing new vaccines against parasite infections, today announced the signing of a research, development and licensing partnership agreement. This agreement will grant VitamFero access to Cellectis' proprietary meganuclease technology for the design and development of a new generation of living attenuated vaccines.

Under this 5-year agreement, Cellectis will supply VitamFero with preselected meganucleases for initial use in the development of vaccines against parasites responsible for toxoplasmosis, neosporosis, and others.

"Vaccines against these parasite diseases are a major challenge both for public health and the economy, in particular in the veterinary sector," declared Cellectis CEO André Choulika. "We are delighted to be working with VitamFero in this field to promote the development of a new application of our technology".

For Pascal Breton, CEO of VitamFero, "*This agreement represents an important step forward for our company, by getting access to Cellectis' intellectual propriety and strengthening our technological potential in the modification of the genomes of apicomplex parasites*".

# **About Cellectis**

Cellectis improves life by applying its genome engineering expertise to a broad range of applications, including agriculture, bioresearch and human therapeutics. Cellectis is listed on the NYSE-Euronext Alternext market (code: ALCLS) in Paris. For further information about Cellectis, visit our website at: <u>www.cellectis.com</u>.



# About VitamFero

Created in 2005 and having just completed a significant raise of 1.1 M€, VitamFero (<u>www.vitamfero.com</u>) exploits the breakthroughs jointly obtained and patented by CNRS, INRA and Université François Rabelais in Tours (France) in the domain of antiparasite vaccines, an area where needs are still largely unmet. VitamFero is built on a strong and validated scientific basis, based on the development of living parasite strains (i.e. Toxoplasma gondii, …), attenuated by complete and targeted deletion of virulence genes.

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