

## PRESS RELEASE

**Collectis signs a license agreement under patents covering uses of homologous recombination with global pharmaceutical company**

**Paris, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011** - Collectis, the genome engineering specialist (Alternext: ALCLS), is announcing that it has signed a license agreement with Novartis for the patents of the family WO 90/11354 covering certain uses of homologous recombination. This technology, which belongs to the Pasteur Institute and for which Collectis owns exclusive rights, makes it possible to introduce new characteristics into genomes.

Under the terms of this agreement, Collectis grants to Novartis and its affiliates a non-exclusive license for certain uses of these patents in the field of research and development of therapeutic products.

*"This agreement represents further recognition of the quality and relevance of the intellectual property controlled by Collectis in the Homologous Recombination", confirmed André Choulika, the Collectis Group's Chairman and CEO. "I am delighted with the start of this relationship with Novartis, which is a major player in the pharmaceutical industry and life sciences sector".*

The financial terms of the agreement have not been disclosed.

**About Collectis**

Collectis improves life by applying its genome engineering expertise to a broad range of applications, including human therapeutics, biological research and agriculture. Collectis is listed on the NYSE-Euronext Paris Alternext market (code: ALCLS).

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