



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Collectis plant sciences announces the signature of a strategic partnership with SESVanderHave in Sugar Beet**

**Saint Paul (Minnesota, USA), January 31st, 2012** – Collectis plant sciences, the plant genome engineering company and subsidiary of Collectis (Alternext: ALCLS), announces today the signature of a research and commercial agreement with SESVanderHave, a world leader in the sugar beet seed industry, on the use of Collectis technologies in sugar beet.

The agreement aims at developing commercial varieties for the sugar beet seed market using new breeding techniques and targeted genetic modifications. Collectis plant sciences will provide SESVanderHave with custom-designed meganucleases for the Sugar Beet genome, to expedite the development of new targeted traits in sugar beet.

*“ We believe SESVanderHave is the ideal partner to bring innovative sugar beet products to the market to address the needs of the sugar industry and the sugar beet farmers. This partnership is a new step in the implementation of our technologies ”* said Luc Mathis, CEO of Collectis plant sciences.

*“ SESVanderHave is very enthusiast about the agreement ”*, said SESVanderHave CEO Rob Van Tetering. *“ As the innovative leader in the sugar beet seed industry, SESVanderHave is continuously seeking for new opportunities to improve its sugar beets with the objective of supplying more competitive varieties to the farmers and the sugar industry in all markets. The agreement with Collectis will help us in finding innovative solutions for the industry in the near future ”*.

Financial terms of the agreement have not been disclosed.

#### **About Collectis plant sciences**

Established in March 2010, Collectis plant sciences is a subsidiary of Collectis dedicated to the applications of meganucleases in plants. Its main mission is to increase and accelerate usage of Collectis' proprietary technology in agricultural biology, broaden the company's platform to attract new and expanded licensing opportunities and explore the development of proprietary traits for selected applications. Collectis plant sciences is located in Saint Paul, Minnesota, USA. Professor Daniel Voytas, Chief Scientific Officer of Collectis plant sciences, is also Director of the University of Minnesota Center for Genome Engineering.

#### **About Collectis**

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

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### **About SESVanderHave**

SESVanderHave is an international market leader in the sugar beet seed industry, specialized in every aspect of the research, breeding, production, processing and marketing of sugar beet seed. Worldwide, SESVanderHave sells sugar beet varieties resulting from the continuous research and breeding process with its proprietary germplasm. Each variety represents a customized solution to the needs of a specific sugar beet market. SESVanderHave pursues a proactive policy of investments in biotechnology, modern breeding technologies and improved seed technologies to improve the performance of the sugar beet crop.

Wherever sugar beets grow, SESVanderHave is present.

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