

## PRESS RELEASE

**Collectis stem cells today proudly announces the launch of the world's very first human iPS cell-derived hepatocyte product**

**Göteborg, Sweden, May 21st, 2012 – Collectis stem cells, a Business Unit of Collectis Group (Alternext: ALCLS), a premier provider of stem cell derived products and technologies, today announces the launch of a human iPS derived hepatocyte product, hiPS-HEP™.**

The hiPS-HEP™ demonstrate high reproducibility, homogeneity and a long life span of stable CYP activity, making them the ideal platform for various *in vitro* applications including drug discovery, toxicity testing and vaccine development. The hiPS-HEP™ are human hepatocyte-like cells derived from human induced Pluripotent Stem (iPS) cells under strict quality controlled and ethically approved procedures.

« Due to their high relevance in various industrial applications it makes the hiPS-HEP™ a really promising system for research and development », said Johan Hyllner, CSO of Collectis stem cells. « The pharmaceutical industry has a great need for better and more clinically relevant models early in the drug development process to predict hepatotoxicity, find new drug targets and develop new vaccines. »

«This novel product is the fruition of Collectis' strategy to become the global market leader for stem cell-based *in vitro* models and related technologies. It illustrates our ambitions and the momentum of our future development in this field.» said André Choulika, Chairman and CEO of Collectis.

About Collectis stem cells:

Collectis stem cells, is a business unit within the Collectis group and is a global leader in stem cell technology. Collectis stem cells, created in November 2011 from Cellartis AB and EctyCell SAS, possesses broad expertise in pluripotent stem cells, including iPS cell technology, genetic engineering and specialised cells. Collectis stem cells is developing stem cell derived products and related services for drug discovery, toxicity testing and regenerative medicine applications.

For more information visit [www.cellartis.com](http://www.cellartis.com) and [www.collectis.com](http://www.collectis.com)

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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