

PRESS RELEASE

**Collectis reorganizes its Tools and Services business line,  
in partnership with Caisse des Dépôts,  
by contributing Ectycell's shares to Collectis bioresearch**

**Paris, January 7, 2014** - Collectis (Alternext: ALCLS), the genome engineering specialist, has announced the completion of a structurally important transaction concerning its subsidiary Collectis bioresearch, which specializes in designing, developing and marketing products and services essentially for academic and biopharmaceutical industry researchers: a simplified legal structure, with Ectycell merged into Collectis bioresearch; and a reinforced equity position, with a €3.5 million contribution subscribed for by Caisse des Dépôts.

Ectycell's tie-up with Collectis bioresearch will enable Collectis bioresearch to enrich and sustain its offering, synergistically combining the technologies of targeted gene editing and iPS cell-derived models.

The new structure has the advantage of being more uniform with the aim of providing disruptive innovations that run the gamut from in vitro genetic diversity control for R&D to client-specific turnkey solutions.

As part of this rationalization process, the Collectis Group plans to bring together the activities of Collectis bioresearch and Ectycell at a single production facility.

On December 30, 2013, all of Ectycell's shares were contributed to Collectis bioresearch, which also carried out a capital increase of €3.5 million euros in cash, fully subscribed for by Caisse des Dépôts, in accordance with the commitments made under the partnership initiated in January 2012.

Following these transactions, Collectis now holds 75.5% of the share capital of Collectis bioresearch, while Caisse des Dépôts holds 24.5%.

A stronger equity position was essential to reinforcing Collectis bioresearch's autonomy and its capacity for innovation in a competitive environment where major players based in the United States and Japan tend to hold sway.

This investment reflects the priority placed by the Caisse des Dépôts group, as a privileged partner of French state and local authorities, on helping SMEs raise capital and foster innovation. Caisse des Dépôts initiated this investment under the convention signed with the French state in 2008 to support Innovation Platforms in line with public policy on competitiveness clusters.

**About Collectis**

Founded in Paris in 1999, the Collectis Group bases its work on highly specific DNA engineering technologies. Its application sectors are human health, agriculture and bio-energies. Collectis was co-founded by André Choulaka, its Chairman and CEO, and David Sourdivé, Executive Vice President of Corporate Development, and is now one of the world's top companies in the field of genome engineering, with revenue of €21 million in 2012. Leading the field of pluripotent stem cells, Collectis has developed expertise in drug discovery, toxicity testing, and regenerative medicine.

The Group has signed more than 100 industry agreements with pharmaceutical, agrochemical, and biotechnology companies. The Group's clients and partners include University College London (UCL), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Novo Nordisk, the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA) of Kyoto University, AFM, Novartis, BASF, Bayer, and Limagrain. Since 2007, Collectis has been listed on the NYSE Euronext Alternext market (code: ALCLS) in Paris.

For more information, visit our website: [www.collectis.com](http://www.collectis.com).

**About the Caisse des Dépôts group**

Caisse des Dépôts, together with its subsidiaries, is a French state financial institution serving as a long-term investor in support of the public interest and local economic development. Its mandate was reaffirmed by the Economic Modernization Act (LME) of August 4, 2008.

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