

Galapagos receives transparency notification from Wellington Management Group LLP

Mechelen, Belgium; 1 February 2016 – Galapagos NV (Euronext & NASDAQ: GLPG) received a transparency notification from Wellington Management Group LLP.

Pursuant to Belgian transparency legislation¹, Galapagos received a transparency notification on 28 January 2016 from Wellington Management Group LLP, who notified that the 2,168,093 Galapagos shares held by its entirely-controlled subsidiary Wellington Management Company LLP on 19 January 2016 represent 4.73% of the current 45,837,043 outstanding Galapagos shares as a result of Galapagos' most recent capital increase. Wellington Management Group LLC's shareholding thus passively decreased below the lowest 5% threshold of Galapagos' voting rights. This is the second transparency notice received from Wellington Management Group LLP, reporting an increased number of shares held since the first notice. The full transparency notice is available for viewing on the Galapagos website.

About Galapagos

Galapagos (Euronext & NASDAQ: GLPG) is a clinical-stage biotechnology company specialized in the discovery and development of small molecule medicines with novel modes of action. Our pipeline comprises two Phase 2, four Phase 1, five pre-clinical, and 20 discovery studies in cystic fibrosis, inflammation, fibrosis, osteoarthritis and other indications. We have discovered and developed filgotinib: in collaboration with Gilead we aim to bring this JAK1-selective inhibitor for inflammatory indications to patients all over the world. Galapagos is focused on the development and commercialization of novel medicines that will improve people's lives. The Galapagos group, including fee-for-service subsidiary Fidelta, has approximately 400 employees, operating from its Mechelen, Belgium headquarters and facilities in The Netherlands, France, and Croatia. More information at www.glpq.com.

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¹ Belgian Act of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of major shareholdings in issuers whose shares are admitted to trading on a regulated market

Galapagos, or industry results, to be materially different from any historic or future results, financial conditions and liquidity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. In addition, even if Galapagos' results, performance, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which it operates are consistent with such forward-looking statements, they may not be predictive of results or developments in future periods. Among the factors that may result in differences are the inherent uncertainties associated with competitive developments, clinical trial and product development activities and regulatory approval requirements, Galapagos' reliance on collaborations with third parties, and estimating the commercial potential of our product candidates. A further list and description of these risks, uncertainties and other risks can be found in the company's Securities and Exchange Commission filing and reports, including in the company's prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2015 and subsequent filings and reports filed by the company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Given these uncertainties, the reader is advised not to place any undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of publication of this document. Galapagos expressly disclaims any obligation to update any such forward-looking statements in this document to reflect any change in its expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based or that may affect the likelihood that actual results will differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements, unless specifically required by law or regulation.