

## PRESS RELEASE

**Scéil™: a new offering for the general public  
to turn adult cells into stem cells and store them**

**Paris, July 8, 2013 – The Collectis Group (Alternext: ALCLS) announced today that it is launching Scéil™, an offering for the general public that involves storing induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS) generated from a skin sample so that people can benefit, if needed, from future regenerative medicine treatments as soon as they become available.**

Collectis is a biotechnology industry group with 13 years' experience in genome engineering and stem cells. It has a strong background in handling induced pluripotent stem cells on a large scale up through their maturation and differentiation into functional cell types.

The Group has developed wide-reaching projects based on iPS cells, including the iPS Engineering Hub, a service that helps match new drugs to patient needs. Regenerative medicine is another area of development for the Group. One ongoing project, in partnership with worldwide diabetes market leader Novo Nordisk, is focused on developing a treatment for type 1 diabetes using engineered stem cells. Collectis has also been working since 2010 with the CiRA laboratory, run by Pr Shinya Yamanaka, winner of the 2012 Nobel prize in medicine for his work on induced pluripotent stem cells.

Scéil™ is part of the Group's strategic focus on therapeutics. While not itself a therapeutics solution, Scéil™ naturally complements the Group's offering in this area.

Scéil™ will initially be marketed by a new wholly owned subsidiary of Collectis SA, Scéil Private Limited, in Singapore. Another Scéil subsidiary is being set up in Dubai. These locations accord with existing national laws and regulatory frameworks.

In a meeting with US press at which Scéil™ was unveiled, André Choulika announced, *"We are proud to be the first in the world to make the major scientific breakthrough of iPS cell technology available to the public. Scéil™ represents a real economic opportunity, one of the many steps forward to come in regenerative medicine."*

**About Collectis**

Founded in France in 1999, the Collectis Group bases its work on highly specific DNA engineering technologies. Its application sectors are human health, agriculture and bioenergies. Collectis was cofounded by André Choulika, its Chairman and CEO, and is now one of the world's top companies in the field of genome engineering, with revenue of \$27 million in 2012. Leading the field of pluripotent stem cells, Collectis has developed expertise in drug discovery, toxicity testing, and regenerative medicine. Collectis has a solid background in the large-scale handling of stem cells up until their maturation and differentiation into functional cell types. We employ a workforce of 230 people at 5 sites worldwide: New Brighton (Minnesota) & Cambridge (Massachusetts) in the United States, Gothenburg in Sweden, and Paris & Evry in France. The Group has signed more than 100 industry agreements with pharmaceutical, agrochemical, and biotechnology companies. Our 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).

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