

## PRESS RELEASE

**Collectis plant sciences CEO Luc Mathis  
joins Board of Directors of the  
French Association for Plant Biotechnology (AFBV)**

**Paris, June 6, 2013 – Collectis (NYSE Alternext: ALCLS), the global genome engineering specialist, announced today that Luc Mathis, Collectis plant sciences CEO, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the French Association for Plant Biotechnology (Association Française des Biotechnologies Végétales, AFBV).**

The French Association for Plant Biotechnology (AFBV) is an independent NGO established in 2009. Its founding purposes are to raise awareness about plant biotechnology, assess the benefits and risks, and at the same time promote the use of plant biotechnology in support of rapidly expanding sustainable agriculture.

Luc Mathis is an internationally recognized expert, bringing with him to the AFBV a set of skills that will help champion plant biotechnology as an essential stepping stone towards sustainable agriculture. While on the association's Board of Directors, he will work to secure recognition for the benefits of new variety selection methods, and participate in forward thinking about what such methods could mean.

After paying due tribute to the achievements of Board member Alain Godard, Luc Mathis stated, *"People have to understand that these recent technologies are a game-changer when it comes to making new agricultural models work. I believe these innovations will enable us to reconcile the need for ecological sustainability and agricultural economic development on a global scale."*

AFBV President Marc Fellous welcomed the addition of Luc Mathis to his association's Board of Directors, saying *"I am delighted with Luc Mathis' appointment. Our association needs the skills and enthusiasm of people with a central role to play in international agricultural innovation."*

Luc Mathis, PhD completed his doctorate at the University of Paris VI as well as a postdoctoral fellowship at the California Institute of Technology. He began his career at the Institut Pasteur as a state-sponsored (CNRS) researcher before joining Collectis in 2006, where he is now Chief Executive Officer of Collectis plant sciences.



### **About Collectis**

Founded in 1999, the Collectis Group bases its work on highly specific DNA engineering technologies. Its application sectors are health, agriculture and bio-energies. Collectis was co-founded by André Choulika, its Chairman and CEO, and is now one of the world's leading 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. Collectis has a workforce of 230 employees working 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. 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, Monsanto, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, 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 Collectis plant sciences**

Established in March 2010, Collectis plant sciences is a subsidiary of the Collectis Group that implements agronomic traits in plants to create new value-added varieties. Based in New Brighton, Minnesota (United States), Collectis plant sciences is the world leader in applying genome engineering to plants.

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