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Galapagos selected for BEL 20 Index

Mechelen, Belgium; 7 March 2016 – Galapagos NV (Euronext & NASDAQ: GLPG) announces that Euronext has selected Galapagos NV for inclusion in the BEL 20® Index on Euronext Brussels, effective 21 March 2016.

The BEL 20 represents the 20 largest companies traded on Euronext Brussels, subject to meeting Euronext Index Family criteria and review. For a complete overview of criteria and index rules, please see The Index Family Rulebook, at www.euronext.com.

"We are proud that in our 11th year as a listed company on Euronext, and our 17th year since we were incorporated in 1999, we are now included in the BEL 20, the prestigious index of largest public companies in Belgium. It shows the growth of Galapagos from a biotech start-up to an integrated discovery and development company that is bringing innovative new medicines to patients," says Onno van de Stolpe, CEO and Founder.

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 three Phase 2, three 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 440 employees, operating from its Mechelen, Belgium headquarters and facilities in The Netherlands, France, and Croatia. More information at www.glpg.com.

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