

## **Evogene Officially Opens Research and Development Facility in St. Louis, Missouri**

Site to support Company's crop protection and U.S. experimental genomics activities

Rehovot, Israel – November 19, 2015 – Evogene Ltd. (NYSE; TASE: EVGN), a leading company for the improvement of crop productivity and economics for the food and feed industries, will officially open its new Research and Development facility in St. Louis today with an event highlighting "Driving Innovation for Agriculture". The new facility is located at the Bio-Research and Development Growth (BRDG) Park, on the campus of The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis, Missouri, a world leading center for innovation in agriculture. In addition to Mr. Ofer Haviv, Evogene's President and CEO and Dr. James Presnail, the Site Head for Evogene, senior officials from Evogene and The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center will be participating in the opening celebration.

Ofer Haviv, Evogene's President and CEO commented, "We are pleased to be officially opening today our first R&D site located in the U.S, and in particular on the Campus of the Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis. This important expansion brings us geographically much closer to both world leading companies and research centers in our industry and to key target markets for our Company. The site will initially be focused on our growing crop protection activities, primarily the Company's ongoing insect control product programs and collaborations for controlling Coleopteran, Lepidopteran and Hemipteran - key crop damaging insects - and we expect to expand its activities in the future to additional Evogene areas of focus, in both crop enhancement and crop protection."

Within its crop protection area of activities, Evogene is a leader in the integration and analysis of vast amounts of microbial genomic data, in order to identify genes that can be specifically toxic to insects and fungi that lead to substantial crop damage and losses. In its initial activities, the new St. Louis facility will support these efforts, providing data generation experiments, functional screening and validation of discovered genes in biological systems, as well as establishing transformation and validation capabilities for biotechnology soybean.



## **About Evogene Ltd.:**

Evogene (NYSE, TASE: EVGN) is a leading company for the improvement of crop productivity and economics for the food and feed industries. The Company has strategic collaborations with world-leading agricultural companies to develop improved seed traits in relation to yield and abiotic stress (such as tolerance to drought), and biotic stress (such as resistance to disease and nematodes), in key crops as corn, soybean, wheat and rice, and is also focused on the research and development of new products for crop protection (such as weed control). In addition, the Company has a wholly-owned subsidiary, Evofuel, developing seeds for second generation feedstock for biodiesel. For more information, please visit www.evogene.com.

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