



Idealp-Pharma announced today that it has signed a contract extension with Galapagos until the end of 2011. During the term of this contract, Idealp-Pharma will provide a medicinal chemistry team dedicated to the synthesis of new chemical entities acting on undisclosed Galapagos targets.

This collaboration is now in its fifth year. During this period, Idealp-Pharma's scientists have been dedicated to progressing small molecules from hit validation to lead optimisation in several therapeutic areas for Galapagos.

“We are delighted that Galapagos extended this collaboration for the fifth consecutive year”, said Dr Serge Petit, CEO of Idealp-Pharma. “We are proud to be one of Galapagos key service providers in medicinal chemistry. This collaboration reflects the high quality work and competencies of Idealp-Pharma's teams.”

About Galapagos:

Galapagos is a mid-size biotechnology company specialized in the discovery and development of small molecule and antibody therapies with novel modes-of-action. The Company is progressing one of the largest pipelines in biotech, with seven clinical and over 50 small molecule discovery/pre-clinical programs. Through risk/reward-sharing alliances with GlaxoSmithKline, Lilly, Janssen Pharmaceutica, Merck & Co., Roche and Servier, Galapagos is eligible to receive up to €3.3 billion in downstream milestones, plus royalties. The Galapagos Group has over 800 employees and operates facilities in seven countries, with global headquarters in Mechelen, Belgium. More info at: www.glp.com

About Idealp-Pharma:

Idealp-Pharma is a contract research company providing high quality services in drug discovery from Hit discovery and validation through Lead Optimisation. Thanks to the competencies and experience of its multi-disciplinary teams, the company is committed to progressing its customer's drug discovery programs efficiently.

Idealp-Pharma has won the confidence of a wide range of clients from large pharmaceutical to smaller biotechnological companies.

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