

Invitation to the special and extraordinary shareholders' meetings

Mechelen, Belgium; 20 September 2019, 22.01 CET; regulated information – Galapagos NV (Euronext & NASDAQ: GLPG) invites its shareholders to a special and extraordinary shareholders' meeting.

On 14 July 2019, Galapagos NV (the "**Company**" or "**Galapagos**") announced that it entered into a collaboration with Gilead Sciences, Inc., Gilead Biopharmaceutics Ireland UC, and Gilead Therapeutics A1 Unlimited Company. In view hereof, Galapagos has the honor to invite its shareholders, warrant holders, directors, and statutory auditor to its special and extraordinary shareholders' meetings that will be held on Tuesday 22 October 2019 at 2:00 p.m. (CEST) at the Company's registered office.

The items on the agenda of the special and extraordinary general meetings of shareholders include, amongst other things, the appointment of Mr. Daniel O'Day and Dr. Linda Higgins as directors of the Company, the approval of the issuance of two warrants for the benefit of Gilead Therapeutics A1 Unlimited Company, and the renewal of the Company's authorized capital by up to 20% of the share capital.

In order to be admitted to the shareholders' meetings, the holders of securities issued by the Company must comply with article 536 of the Belgian Companies Code of 7 May 1999 and article 29 of the Company's articles of association, and fulfill the formalities described in the convening notice. The convening notice and other documents pertaining to the shareholders' meetings, including the biographies of Mr. O'Day and Dr. Higgins, can be consulted on our website (www.glpg.com).

About Galapagos

Galapagos (Euronext & NASDAQ: GLPG) discovers and develops small molecule medicines with novel modes of action, three of which show promising patient results and are currently in late-stage development in multiple diseases. Our pipeline comprises Phase 3 through to discovery programs in inflammation, fibrosis, osteoarthritis and other indications. Our ambition is to become a leading global biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of innovative medicines. More information at www.glpg.com.

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