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## Evotec receives important pre-clinical milestones as part of its multi-target alliance with Bayer HealthCare

**Hamburg, Germany – 10 December 2015:** Evotec AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange: EVT, TecDAX, ISIN: DE0005664809) announced today that its multi-target collaboration with Bayer HealthCare ("Bayer") has reached two important pre-clinical milestones for the transition of two projects from the alliance portfolio into late-stage discovery and pre-clinical development for the treatment of endometriosis.

These milestones were achieved under the strategic alliance between Evotec and Bayer entered in October 2012. The goal of this collaboration is to develop three clinical candidates within the five-year alliance. Both parties contribute innovative drug targets and high-quality technology infrastructures and share the responsibility for early research and pre-clinical characterisation of potential clinical candidates in the disease area of endometriosis.

**Dr Mario Polywka, Chief Operating Officer of Evotec, commented:** "Endometriosis is a truly debilitating disease for a large population of women. These milestones represent further good progress in addressing both the underlying inflammation as well as the resulting pain and reflect well on the tremendous combined efforts of both teams of scientists from Evotec and Bayer. We look forward to continuing this productive work and focusing our efforts on bringing forward new drug candidates to tackle this significant disease."

Financial details were not disclosed.

### ABOUT ENDOMETRIOSIS

Endometriosis affects an estimated 176 million women worldwide or 10% of women of reproductive age. It is caused by the abnormal growth of tissue similar to that which lines the uterus (endometrial tissue) in locations outside of the uterine cavity, where it causes ectopic lesion growth and debilitating pain. Endometrial growth is commonly found on the ovaries and pelvic peritoneum, potentially involving other organs of the pelvic cavity as e.g. bladder, bowel, and the rectovaginal space. There is no known cure for endometriosis and most available drug treatments have certain limitations. Endometriosis is a highly complex and heterogeneous disease and there is still a high unmet medical need for innovative therapies which address the individual needs of affected women. The disease can greatly impact a woman's social, professional and personal life, and women with endometriosis often experience a higher incidence of depression and emotional distress due to the uncertainty of diagnosis, unpredictability of symptoms and living a normal life. Find more information at <http://endometriosisfoundation.org> or <http://endometriosis-league.eu/en>.

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Evotec is a drug discovery alliance and development partnership company focused on rapidly progressing innovative product approaches with leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, academics, patient advocacy groups and venture capitalists. We operate worldwide providing the highest quality stand-alone and integrated drug discovery solutions, covering all activities from target-to-clinic. The Company has established a unique position by assembling top-class scientific experts and integrating state-of-the-art technologies as well as substantial experience and expertise in key therapeutic areas including neuroscience, pain, metabolic diseases as well as oncology, inflammation and infectious diseases. Evotec has long-term discovery alliances with partners including Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, CHDI, Genentech, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, MedImmune/AstraZeneca, Roche and UCB. In addition, the Company has existing development partnerships and product candidates both in clinical and pre-clinical development. These include partnerships with Boehringer Ingelheim and MedImmune in the field of diabetes, with Janssen Pharmaceuticals in the field of depression and with Roche in the field of Alzheimer's disease. For additional information please go to <http://www.evotec.com/>.

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