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Evotec achieves important milestone in TargetAD collaboration with Janssen in Alzheimer's disease

Hamburg, Germany – 12 January 2016: Evotec AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange: EVT, TecDAX, ISIN: DE0005664809) today announced the achievement of an important milestone in its **TargetAD collaboration** with Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Janssen") for the transition of a project into further drug discovery process. This milestone was reached in 2015 which will be recognised in the financial year 2015.

The agreement between Evotec and Janssen for this collaboration became effective on October 31, 2013. Johnson & Johnson Innovation, LLC facilitates the collaboration. Under the terms of the agreement, Janssen and Evotec continue to collaborate to develop new drugs for Alzheimer's disease. Janssen has the right to internalise selected targets and therapeutic candidates and progress them into pre-clinical and clinical development. Janssen funds target drug discovery research via a combination of defined research payments and progress-related milestones.

Dr Cord Dohrmann, Chief Scientific Officer of Evotec, commented: "Despite the significant challenges in identifying and prosecuting novel targets in the field of Alzheimer's disease, our collaboration with Janssen continues to thrive as documented by this milestone. On the basis of an ever improving platform and an excellent team that is seamlessly integrated across both companies, we are confident that further progress will follow in 2016."

ABOUT EVOTEC'S TARGETAD DATABASE

The TargetAD database is a customised system providing unique information on the link between molecular and cellular changes in brain tissue with AD progression. This database was set up in a multi-year research programme, applying histological, cellular and *in vivo* target validation procedures. The database provides a strong platform for systematic and comprehensive target identification and validation as well as compound discovery programmes.

ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Alzheimer's disease ("AD") is an irreversible, progressive brain disease and the main cause for dementia. It slowly destroys brain cells and nerves and thus disrupts the transmission in the brain, particularly those responsible for storing memories. In the course of AD, the brain shrinks as gaps develop in the temporal lobe and hippocampus, which are responsible for storing and retrieving new information. Beside degeneration of neurons, typical pathological hallmarks for AD are beta amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles composed by Tau protein in the brain. The cause and progression of AD however are still not completely understood. Like other chronic conditions,

scientists believe that AD doesn't have one predominant cause, but is rather a complex result of various factors. At the moment, there is no cure available for AD and most other causes for dementia. Current treatments only tackle the symptoms of the disease. According to Alzheimer's Disease International, there were 47 million people diagnosed with dementia in 2015 worldwide. It is estimated that this number is going to increase to more than 130 million people in 2050. Approximately 10 million new cases of dementia are diagnosed each year. Concerning the dementia market volume, \$ 818 bn are yearly spent as of today on the treatment of dementia and it will become a trillion dollar disease by 2018. All in all, these costs equal about 1% of the world's GDP (average of GDP from countries worldwide).

ABOUT EVOTEC AG

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 www.evotec.com.

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