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Board Member of Evotec**

Hamburg, Germany – Evotec AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange: EVT; NASDAQ: EVTC) announced today that the Supervisory Board proposes at the next Annual General Meeting to be held on June 4, 2009 the election of Dr Walter Wenninger as new member of the Company's Supervisory Board. He will replace John Walker who decided not to make himself available for nomination again due to other commitments. All other current Supervisory Board members will be proposed for re-election.

Dr Wenninger has profound experience in strategic management, research & development and sales & marketing from leading positions in the international pharmaceutical industry. His career includes more than 30 years at Bayer AG where he held top-executive management positions within the life science business in Europe and the United States. From 1994 to 2000 Dr Wenninger served as a member of the Management Board of Bayer AG responsible for the healthcare sector. Following his retirement at Bayer, he has been involved in corporate development of several life science organizations. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the German Cardiac Research Foundation, the Executive Committee of the Robert-Koch-Foundation, and was a longtime member of the Board of Trustees of the German Cancer Research Center. Dr Wenninger currently serves on the boards of various other European pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies including Noxxon Pharma AG, Paion AG, Recordati S.p.A. and Santaris Pharma A/S.

Dr Werner Lanthaler, Chief Executive Officer of Evotec AG, said: "We are delighted that we were able to attract Dr Wenninger as a new member for Evotec's Supervisory Board. Evotec will greatly benefit from his international industry background and his experience in strategic reorganizations. On behalf of Evotec I would also like to thank John Walker very much for his great support and work especially in the process of integrating our US operations following the acquisition of Renovis in May 2008."

About Evotec AG

Evotec is a leader in the discovery and development of novel small molecule drugs. The Company has built substantial drug discovery expertise and an industrialized platform that can drive new innovative small molecule compounds into the clinic. In addition, Evotec has built a deep internal knowledge base in the treatment of diseases related to neuroscience, pain, and inflammation. Leveraging these skills and expertise the Company intends to develop best-in-class differentiated therapeutics and deliver superior science-driven discovery alliances with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

Evotec has long-term discovery alliances including Boehringer Ingelheim, CHDI, Novartis, Ono Pharmaceutical and Roche. The Company's has a P2X₇ antagonist for the treatment of inflammatory diseases in clinical development and a series of preclinical compounds and development partnerships, including a strategic alliance with Roche for EVT 101, a subtype selective NMDA receptor antagonist, for the treatment of depression.

Forward-Looking Statements

Information set forth in this press release contains forward-looking statements, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about our expectations and assumptions concerning future reductions in operating expenses and cash burn, regulatory, clinical and business strategies, the progress of our clinical development programs and timing of the results of our clinical trials, strategic collaborations and management's plans, objectives and strategies. These statements are neither promises nor guarantees, but are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, and which could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in these forward-looking statements. In particular, the risks and uncertainties include, among other things: risks that product candidates may fail in the clinic or may not be successfully marketed or manufactured; risks relating to our ability to advance the development of product candidates currently in the pipeline or in clinical trials; our inability to further identify, develop and achieve commercial success for new products and technologies; competing products may be more successful; our inability to interest potential partners in our technologies and products; our inability to achieve commercial success for our products and technologies; our inability to protect our intellectual property and the cost of enforcing or defending our intellectual property rights; our failure to comply with regulations relating to our products and product candidates, including FDA requirements; the risk that the FDA may interpret the results of our studies differently than we have; the risk that clinical trials may not result in marketable products; the risk that we may be unable to successfully secure regulatory approval of and market our drug candidates; and risks of new, changing and competitive technologies and regulations in the U.S. and internationally.

The list of risks above is not exhaustive. Our most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other documents filed with, or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission, contain additional factors that could impact our businesses and financial performance. We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any such statements to reflect any change in our expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.