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## Evotec partners with Haplogen to develop drugs for infectious diseases

**Hamburg, Germany, Vienna, Austria – 15 November 2012:** Evotec AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange: EVT, TecDAX) and Haplogen GmbH have signed a collaboration agreement to discover and develop small molecules against viral infectious diseases.

Under the agreement, Haplogen and Evotec will co-develop drugs against a human protein that is essential for pathogenic viruses to infect their host cell. This protein was discovered by Haplogen's powerful proprietary technology to identify host factors for infectious human pathogens. Evotec will further develop Haplogen's lead compounds and apply its drug discovery platform to find additional small molecule inhibitors.

"This partnership will ensure that our therapeutic program advances with increasing pace to discover molecules for clinical testing in those patients that are at high risk of virus infections", **says Georg Casari, CEO of Haplogen.** "We are excited that Evotec shares our vision and has joined forces on this first-in-class drug target."

**Mario Polywka, Chief Operating Officer of Evotec, explains:** "Part of Evotec's strategy is to pursue innovative, early stage projects and develop them to a partnering position before the clinic. We are delighted to partner with Haplogen to optimize their protein inhibitors. Haplogen's powerful target discovery technology is an excellent complement to Evotec's small molecule discovery and development capabilities. We hope that this is the start of a long-term relationship."

Terms of the partnership were not disclosed.

### 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. 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 and inflammation. Evotec has long-term discovery alliances with partners including Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, CHDI, Genentech, Medimmune/Astra Zeneca, and Ono Pharmaceutical. In addition, the Company has existing development partnerships and product candidates both in clinical and preclinical development. These include partnerships with Boehringer Ingelheim, MedImmune and Andromeda (Teva) in the field of diabetes, and with Roche in the field of Alzheimer's disease. For additional information please go to [www.evotec.com](http://www.evotec.com).

### ABOUT HAPLOGEN GMBH

Haplogen GmbH is a privately held biotechnology company with an entirely

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novel target identification technology based on human haploid genetics and a drug discovery pipeline in infectious diseases. Haplogen's mission is to exploit human haploid genetics to improve human health.

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