

## Transparency information

**Mechelen, Belgium; 30 December 2008 – Galapagos NV (Euronext: GLPG) announced that it has received transparency notifications from several major shareholders pursuant to the Belgian transparency legislation (Belgian Act of 2 May 2007) concerning major holdings in Belgian listed companies.**

Galapagos has 21,188,829 shares outstanding. The following shareholders informed Galapagos of their shareholding as of 1 September 2008:

Abingworth Management Limited	1,576,327	(7.4%)
Delta Lloyd Verzekeringen	1,145,000	(5.4%)
Apax	1,277,366	(6.0%)
Crucell Holland NV	1,236,097	(5.8%)
Johnson & Johnson	1,113,964	(5.3%)

Galapagos was informed on 24 December 2008 that Dorset Management Corporation sold all of its remaining shares in the Company to institutional investors, including Delta Lloyd Verzekeringen. Via a new transparency declaration, Delta Lloyd Verzekeringen informed Galapagos that they now hold 2,485,000 shares for an 11.7% shareholding in the Company.

The above shareholders made their declarations separately and are acting independently. Johnson & Johnson holds its shares through Tibotec-Virco Comm. VA in Belgium. Delta Lloyd Verzekeringen is a subsidiary of Aviva plc. Apax hold their shares through Altamir Amboise SCA and Apax France VI FCPR.

### About Galapagos

Galapagos (Euronext Brussels: GLPG; Euronext Amsterdam: GLPGA; OTC: GLPYY) is a drug discovery company with pre-clinical programs in bone and joint diseases and bone metastasis. Its division BioFocus DPI offers a full suite of target-to-drug discovery products and services to pharmaceutical and biotech companies, encompassing target discovery and validation, screening and drug discovery through to delivery of pre-clinical candidates. BioFocus DPI also provides adenoviral reagents for rapid identification and validation of novel drug targets, compound libraries for drug screening as well as ADMET products to select compounds. Galapagos currently employs 460 people and operates facilities in six countries, with global headquarters in Mechelen, Belgium. More information about Galapagos and BioFocus DPI can be found at [www.glp.com](http://www.glp.com) and [www.biofocusdpi.com](http://www.biofocusdpi.com).

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