



PRESS RELEASE

## **Collectis Plant Sciences, Inc. Locks Early CRISPR Intellectual Property Uses in Plants**

***Collectis plant sciences entered in an exclusive license agreement with Regents of the University of Minnesota covering certain uses of CRISPR technology***

**April 15, 2015** — New Brighton (Minnesota, USA) — Collectis plant sciences, Inc., a Minnesota-based Company focusing on developing healthier food products, has announced today that it has signed an exclusive license agreement with the University of Minnesota that grants Collectis the worldwide rights to use the technology covered by the patent rights of the family WO/2014/144155 entitled “Engineering Plant Genomes Using CRISPR/Cas Systems”. In addition to meganucleases and TALEN™ technology, this approach for targeted modification of plant genomes was developed by the laboratory of Professor Dan Voytas in the University of Minnesota.

The technology has demonstrated results in plant genome engineering and adds to Collectis plant sciences, Inc. strong intellectual property rights in the gene editing field, in addition to meganuclease and TALEN™ technologies.

“We are pleased to strengthen our collaboration with the University of Minnesota and gain exclusive access to this technology that excites academics and the industrial community for its simple access to design new nucleases” commented Luc Mathis, Chief Executive Officer of Collectis plant sciences, Inc. “CRISPR technology is being rapidly adopted by the life science community, and we are delighted to expand our technology portfolio to it, opening new opportunities for the commercial development of healthier food products.”

Similarly to meganucleases, Zinc Fingers and TALEN™, CRISPR technology enables a number of useful tools to target specific loci in a genome and/or modulate the expression of genes. The technology is based on novel sequence-specific nucleases that can be cheaply engineered to recognize any gene of interest in a genome. Application in plants, similarly to the other gene editing technologies, could enable the development of valuable crops.



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**About Collectis Plant Sciences**

Founded in 2010, Collectis Plant Sciences is based in New Brighton, Minnesota (United States). The company has developed a platform to improve the quality of crops for the food and agriculture industries. Collectis Plant Sciences is involved in a network of collaborations that include global companies (Bayer, Limagrain, Monsanto, and SESVanderhave, among others), as well as leading healthcare (Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma) and food companies. Collectis Plant Sciences is developing innovative products with prominent partners in order to secure accessibility of its products to consumers.

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