



PRESS RELEASE

**Collectis Appoints Biopharma Veteran Leopold Berteas as Senior Vice President of Technical Operations - Europe**

**May 18, 2020 – New York (N.Y.)** – [Collectis](#) (Euronext Growth: ALCLS; Nasdaq: CLLS), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing immunotherapies based on gene-edited allogeneic CAR T-cells (UCART), today announced the appointment of Leopold Berteas, Ph.D., to the role of Senior Vice President of Technical Operations - Europe. His mission will be to ensure execution upon Technical Operation milestones in process development, analytical development, external supply, and the GMP Paris manufacturing facility that support the development and production of Collectis proprietary product candidates. Dr. Berteas is based in the Collectis Paris office and reports to Bill Monteith, Executive Vice President, Technical Operations.

Dr. Berteas joined from CellforCure where he was General Manager and Site Head upon acquisition by Novartis in April 2019. He successfully refocused the Les Ulis site from a multiproduct CDMO affiliate of LFB to the new European Novartis site dedicated to Kymriah<sup>®</sup> autologous cell and gene therapy production, as well as tech transfer and production of new cell and gene pipeline projects for Novartis.

“Leopold is an experienced leader and industry expert with over 25 years of biopharmaceutical experience in complex biotherapeutics, cell and gene therapies and combination products. He is results oriented and brings a strong strategic focus and experience in managing sites and global teams, negotiating and managing contracts and collaborations with larger biopharmaceutical groups, biotech and academia in the US, EU and Asia”, said Dr. André Choulika, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Collectis. “I look forward to his seasoned industry experience and leadership capabilities contributing to the continued success of our Technical Operations Programs. I am convinced that his abilities in execution and strategic direction will be instrumental in Collectis’ journey to commercial approval of our allogeneic product candidates.”

Leopold Berteas joins Collectis as a recognized biopharmaceutical leader at several pharmaceutical companies. He is also known for his expertise in biopharmaceutical production and development. First with Novartis, where he was in charge of commercial monoclonal antibody production, and later with Sanofi where he built up and led the first integrated Biologics CMC Platform, covering the company’s biologics pipeline. Dr. Berteas then covered roles as Vice President Bio-business & Governance for Sanofi’s Global Biotherapeutics, managing the collaboration projects with partners. He was also a member of the Sanofi global R&D Leading team and a senior Biologics Expert. Leopold Berteas holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from ETH Zürich.

“I am very excited to join Collectis at such an important time and contribute to its long-term success. Collectis’ strong and enthusiastic team is pioneering the development of gene-edited allogeneic CAR T-cells and I’m honored to have the opportunity to help building an efficient manufacturing process and to participate to the company’s future product

commercialization”, added Leopold Berteau, Senior Vice President of Technical Operations - Europe.

### **About Collectis**

Collectis is developing the first of its kind allogeneic approach for CAR-T immunotherapies in oncology, pioneering the concept of off-the-shelf and ready-to-use gene-edited CAR T-cells to treat cancer patients. As a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company with over 20 years of expertise in gene editing, Collectis is developing life-changing product candidates utilizing TALEN<sup>®</sup>, its gene editing technology, and PulseAgile, its pioneering electroporation system to harness the power of the immune system in order to target and eradicate cancer cells.

As part of its commitment to a cure, Collectis remains dedicated to its goal of providing life-saving UCART product candidates to address unmet needs for multiple cancers including acute myeloid leukemia (AML), B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL) and multiple myeloma (MM).

Collectis headquarters are in Paris, France, with additional locations in New York, New York and Raleigh, North Carolina. Collectis is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market (ticker: CLLS) and on Euronext Growth (ticker: ALCLS). For more information, visit [www.collectis.com](http://www.collectis.com).

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