

Ipsen Strengthens Its Presence in the Oncology Field with the Acquisition of OctreoPharm Sciences, a Company Developing Innovative Radiopharmaceuticals for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Neuroendocrine Tumours

- **OctreoPharm Sciences develops novel radio-labeled somatostatin receptor antagonist peptides for the management of neuroendocrine tumors**
- **Upfront and downstream payments reaching €50 million**

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PARIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Regulatory News:

Ipsen (Euronext: IPN; ADR: IPSEY) today announced the signature of an agreement to acquire OctreoPharm Sciences (referred to as OctreoPharm), a private German life sciences company focusing on the development of innovative radioactive labeled compounds for molecular imaging diagnostics and therapeutic applications. Ipsen plans to maintain the company location and staff to ensure successful transition of know-how and expertise. Ipsen expects to complete its acquisition once closing conditions have been cleared.

Under the terms of the agreement, which is subject to closing conditions, OctreoPharm's shareholders are eligible to receive up to a total of approximately €50 million for the purchase of 100% of the company's shares in the form of an upfront payment and downstream payments contingent upon clinical and regulatory milestones.

The transaction fits into Ipsen's strategy to extend the scope of its portfolio and its leadership in neuroendocrine tumors (NET). OctreoPharm is developing an innovative theranostic approach for the management of NET based on a somatostatin receptor antagonist peptide. The therapeutic compound is a tumor cell-selective somatostatin antagonist peptide labeled with ¹⁷⁷Lutetium (¹⁷⁷Lu) for use as 'peptide receptor radionuclide therapy' (PRRT) for the treatment of neuroendocrine tumors, and is currently in preclinical development. The diagnostic compound is an NET imaging tool utilizing positron emission tomography (PET, PET/CT), and is currently in clinical development.

The acquisition includes an agreement with Eckert and Ziegler, one of OctreoPharm's shareholders, to provide contract manufacturing services for the radio-labeling of the therapeutic compound.

Marc de Garidel, Chairman and CEO of Ipsen stated: *"The acquisition of OctreoPharm will enlarge our footprint in the NET field, and gives Ipsen access to a new scientific field where OctreoPharm has a unique expertise in antagonist peptides for the diagnosis and treatment of neuroendocrine tumors. This is an important step in our ambition to become a global leader in the management of NET, and illustrates the pertinence of our business development strategy."*

About Ipsen

Ipsen is a global specialty-driven biotechnological group with total sales exceeding €1.2 billion in 2014. Ipsen sells more than 20 drugs in more than 115 countries, with a direct commercial presence in 30 countries. Ipsen's ambition is to become a leader in specialty healthcare solutions for targeted debilitating diseases. Its development strategy is supported by 3 franchises: neurology, endocrinology and urology-oncology. Ipsen's commitment to oncology is exemplified through its growing portfolio of key therapies improving the care of patients suffering from prostate cancer, bladder cancer and neuro-endocrine tumors. Ipsen also has a significant presence in primary care. Moreover, the Group has an active policy of partnerships. Ipsen's R&D is focused on its innovative and differentiated technological platforms, peptides and toxins, located in the heart of the leading biotechnological and life sciences hubs (Les Ulis, France; Slough/Oxford, UK; Cambridge, US). In 2014, R&D expenditure totaled close to €187 million, representing about 15% of Group sales. The Group has more than 4,500 employees worldwide. Ipsen's shares are traded on segment A of Euronext Paris (stock code: IPN, ISIN code: FR0010259150) and eligible to the "Service de Règlement Différé" ("SRD"). The Group is part of the SBF 120 index. Ipsen has implemented a Sponsored Level I American Depositary Receipt (ADR) program, which trade on the over-the-counter market in the United States under the symbol IPSEY. For more information on Ipsen, visit www.ipсен.com.

About Octreopharm

OctreoPharm Sciences GmbH (founded 2009) is a privately held clinical stage biopharmaceutical company, focusing on the clinical development and commercialization of innovative radioactively labeled compounds for molecular imaging and for corresponding therapeutic applications in a new Theranostics approach. For more information, visit www.octreopharm.com.

About Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs)

The term neuroendocrine (carcinoid) tumors represents a heterogeneous group of neoplasms that arise from neuroendocrine cells in the, pancreas, gastrointestinal and respiratory tracts. The majority of NETs overexpress somatostatin 2 receptors. In consequence, they can be effectively imaged and treated with radioactive labeled somatostatin analogs, with high sensitivity and high selectivity.

Ipsen Forward Looking Statement

The forward-looking statements, objectives and targets contained herein are based on the Group's management strategy, current views and assumptions. Such statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those anticipated herein. All of the above risks could affect the Group's future ability to achieve its financial targets, which were set assuming reasonable macroeconomic conditions based on the information available today. Use of the words "believes," "anticipates" and "expects" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, including the Group's expectations regarding future events, including regulatory filings and determinations. Moreover, the targets described in this document were prepared without taking into account external growth assumptions and potential future acquisitions, which may alter these parameters. These objectives are based on data and assumptions regarded as reasonable by the Group. These targets depend on conditions or facts likely to happen in the future, and not exclusively on historical data. Actual results may depart significantly from these targets given the occurrence of certain risks and uncertainties, notably the fact that a promising product in early development phase or clinical trial may end up never being launched on the market or reaching its commercial targets, notably for regulatory or competition reasons. The Group must face or might face competition from generic products that might translate into a loss of market share. Furthermore, the Research and Development process involves several stages each of which involves the substantial risk that the Group may fail to achieve its objectives and be forced to abandon its efforts with regards to a product in which it has invested significant sums. Therefore, the Group cannot be certain that favourable results obtained during pre-clinical trials will be confirmed subsequently during clinical trials, or that the results of clinical trials will be sufficient to demonstrate the safe and effective nature of the product concerned. There can be no guarantees a product will receive the necessary regulatory approvals or that the product will prove to be commercially successful. If underlying assumptions prove inaccurate or risks or uncertainties materialize, actual results may differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Other risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to, general industry conditions and competition; general economic factors, including interest rate and currency exchange rate fluctuations; the impact of pharmaceutical industry regulation and health care legislation; global trends toward health care cost containment; technological advances, new products and patents attained by competitors; challenges inherent in new product development, including obtaining regulatory approval; the Group's ability to accurately predict future market conditions; manufacturing difficulties or delays; financial instability of international economies and sovereign risk; dependence on the effectiveness of the Group's patents and other protections for innovative products; and the exposure to litigation, including patent litigation, and/or regulatory actions. The Group also depends on third parties to develop and market some of its products which could potentially generate substantial royalties; these partners could behave in such ways which could cause damage to the Group's activities and financial results. The Group cannot be certain that its partners will fulfil their obligations. It might be unable to obtain any benefit from those agreements. A default by any of the Group's partners could generate lower revenues than expected. Such situations could have a negative impact on the Group's business, financial position or performance. The Group expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to update or revise any forward looking statements, targets or estimates contained in this press release to reflect any change in events, conditions, assumptions or circumstances on which any such statements are based, unless so required by applicable law. The Group's business is subject to the risk factors outlined in its registration documents filed with the French Autorité des Marchés Financiers.

The risks and uncertainties set out are not exhaustive and the reader is advised to refer to the Group's 2014 Registration Document available on its website (www.ipsen.com).

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