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# Fusion Antibodies to Humanize Avipero's integrin antibody platform.

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND- Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2014----- Fusion Antibodies Ltd has today announced a collaboration with the regenerative medicine company Avipero Ltd for humanization of their integrin antibody platform. The antibody engineering and humanization program partnered with Fusion Antibodies relates to the humanization of beta integrin targeting antibodies under development by Avipero for tissue repair and viral infections.

The partnership of Avipero and Fusion comes following new developments in Avipero's R&D and a record breaking year for Fusion Antibodies' Humanization service. "We are excited to be working with Avipero on their integrin antibodies and confident that Fusion Antibodies CDRx Humanization Platform will deliver high quality humanized antibodies that will accelerate the project into the clinic" says Dr Richard Buick, Chief Technical Officer of Fusion Antibodies.

"This significant development will help strengthen the momentum of our development program and allow recent advances to progress seamlessly" says Dr. Rehab AlJamal-Naylor, Chief Scientific Officer of Avipero Ltd. The private biopharmaceutical company Avipero Ltd is focused on the development of novel allosteric integrin targeting antibodies for unmet clinical needs. The principal clinical indication for its R&D is Parkinson's disease. Avipero has recently expanded its platform to include orphan viral infections.

The project is due to start in the next few weeks with early data expected over the summer.

## **About AVIPERO Ltd.**

AVIPERO Ltd (Registered in Scotland SC353945) is a private biopharmaceutical company established in 2009. Avipero is focused on the development of novel therapeutics for unmet clinical needs, characterised by a loss of cells and tissues. The principal indication for Avipero's development is Parkinson's disease. Avipero's platform has demonstrated efficacy in other conditions such chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), arthritis and age related cell decline. AVIPERO has a proprietary first-in-class therapeutic platform covered by a strong intellectual property portfolio.

## **About Fusion Antibodies**

Fusion Antibodies; a UK based life science company, with innovative technologies and world-class expert services for antibody drug discovery, are specialists in production of High Quality Humanized Monoclonal Antibodies and Antibody Engineering Projects. With 13+ years of experience in the medical research industry, including two Antibodies in clinical and pre-clinical trials, Fusion Antibodies have extensive experience in accelerating therapeutic drug research towards the clinic.

Fusion Antibodies has the knowledge and expertise to build and deliver a bespoke package of the services you need to achieve outstanding results. They provide Royalty Free Antibody Humanization of Monoclonal Antibodies and using their next generation in silico CDRx<sup>TM</sup> technology, they have modernized the traditional CDR grafting technique. Fully humanized monoclonal antibodies are an

essential step in the progression of therapeutic drugs to the clinic and the in-house expertise at Fusion Antibodies ensures its success.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

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