

# AVIVA PLC AND AVIVA INVESTORS GLOBAL SERVICES LIMITED PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF A 5.02% SHAREHOLDING IN ABLYNX

**GHENT, Belgium, 3 March 2015** – **Ablynx** [Euronext Brussels: ABLX] today announced, in accordance with Article 14 of the Belgian Law of 2 May 2007 regarding the publication of major shareholdings in issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market (the "Transparency Law"), that it received a notification of shareholdings from Aviva plc and Aviva Investors Global Services Limited.

The above shareholders notified that they have exceeded the 5% threshold and now hold 2,714,836 Ablynx shares (as compared to a 3.04% holding on 30 October 2013), which represent 5.02% of the current 54,130,105 outstanding shares of Ablynx.

The voting rights are managed and controlled by Aviva Investors Global Services Limited, with the following chain of controlled undertakings: Aviva plc (Parent Company), Aviva Group Holdings Limited (wholly owned subsidiary of Aviva Investors Holdings Limited (wholly owned subsidiary of Aviva Group Holdings Limited), Aviva Investors Global Services Limited (wholly owned subsidiary of Aviva Investors Holdings Limited).

Full versions of all transparency notifications are available on the website of Ablynx, under the section Investors.

#### **About Ablynx**

Ablynx is a biopharmaceutical company engaged in the development of Nanobodies®, proprietary therapeutic proteins based on single-domain antibody fragments, which combine the advantages of conventional antibody drugs with some of the features of small-molecule drugs. Ablynx is dedicated to creating new medicines which will make a real difference to society. Today, the Company has more than 30 proprietary and partnered programmes in development in therapeutic areas including inflammation, haematology, oncology and respiratory disease. The Company has collaborations and significant partnerships with pharmaceutical companies including AbbVie, Boehringer Ingelheim, Eddingpharm, Merck & Co, Merck Serono and Novartis. The Company is headquartered in Ghent, Belgium. More information can be found on <a href="https://www.ablynx.com">www.ablynx.com</a>.

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