



REGULATED INFORMATION

**PUBLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 14 OF THE BELGIAN
LAW OF 2 MAY 2007 REGARDING THE PUBLICATION OF
MAJOR SHAREHOLDINGS (THE “TRANSPARENCY LAW”)**

GHENT, Belgium, 23 April 2010 – **Ablynx [Euronext Brussels: ABLX]**, the biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of Nanobodies[®], announces, 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, on 21 April 2010, the following notification of a holding as per 16 March 2010.

Notifying person	Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
KBC Group and KBC Private Equity¹	1,411,556	3.24%

¹ KBC Group NV (0 voting rights) is the parent company, of which KBC Bank NV (0 voting rights) is a direct subsidiary. KBC Private Equity NV (1,411,556 voting rights) is a direct subsidiary of KBC Bank NV.

Full versions of all transparency notifications are available on the website of Ablynx (www.ablynx.com – investor relations).

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About Ablynx [Euronext Brussels: ABLX] - <http://www.ablynx.com>

Founded in 2001 in Ghent, Belgium, Ablynx is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of Nanobodies, a novel class of therapeutic proteins based on single-domain antibody fragments, for a range of serious and life-threatening human diseases. The Company currently has over 230 employees. Ablynx completed a successful IPO on Euronext Brussels [ABLX] on 7 November 2007 and raised €50 million through an SPO in March 2010.

Ablynx is developing a portfolio of Nanobody-based therapeutics in a number of major disease areas, including inflammation, thrombosis, oncology and Alzheimer’s disease. Ablynx now has over 25 programmes in its therapeutic pipeline including four Nanobodies in clinical development. So far, Nanobodies have been successfully generated against more than 190 different protein targets including several complex targets such as chemokines, GPCRs, ion channels and viruses, which are typically very difficult to approach with conventional monoclonal antibodies. Efficacy data have been obtained in 28 *in vivo* models for Nanobodies against a range of different targets.

Ablynx has an extensive patent position in the field of Nanobodies for healthcare applications. It has exclusive and worldwide rights to more than 130 families of granted patents and pending patent applications, including the Hamers patents covering the basic structure, composition, preparation and uses of Nanobodies.

Ablynx has ongoing research collaborations and significant partnerships with several major pharmaceutical companies, including Boehringer Ingelheim, Merck Serono, Novartis and Pfizer (previously Wyeth

Pharmaceuticals). Ablynx is building a diverse and broad portfolio of therapeutic Nanobodies through these collaborations as well as through its own internal discovery programmes.

The Company's lead programme, ALX-0081, an intravenously administered novel anti-thrombotic entered a Phase II study in patients undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) in September 2009. Ablynx demonstrated proof-of-concept by biomarker for ALX-0081 in December 2009. ALX-0681, a subcutaneous administration of the anti-von Willebrand factor (vWF) Nanobody has concluded Phase I.

In September 2009, Ablynx's partner Pfizer entered a Phase II study in RA patients, with an anti-TNF-alpha Nanobody.

In December 2009, Ablynx initiated a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled Phase I study with ALX-0141, a Nanobody targeting Receptor Activator of Nuclear Factor kappa B Ligand (RANKL), in healthy postmenopausal women. ALX-0061, an anti-IL6R Nanobody is in preclinical development for the treatment of autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. More recently, in February 2010, Ablynx announced that it reached its criteria for preclinical development for ALX-0651, a Nanobody against CXCR4, and Ablynx will progress this programme towards the clinic. CXCR4 plays an important role in cell movement, tumor growth and metastasis.

In March 2010, Ablynx advanced ALX-0171, an anti-RSV Nanobody, into pre-clinical development for the treatment of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infections. ALX-0171 binds to RSV and neutralizes the virus. The Nanobody will be administered via the lungs and based on the *in vivo* data it has the potential to be effective both in the prevention of infection as well as in treatment once infection has occurred.

Nanobody[®] is a registered trademark of Ablynx NV.

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