



PRESS RELEASE

To Fully Focus on Collectis, Dr. André Choulika Retires From Calyxt's Board of Directors

Dr. Yves Ribeill, Member of Calyxt's Board of Directors since 2018, Appointed Chairman of the Board; Laurent Arthaud named Director, designated by Collectis

July 6, 2020 – New York (N.Y.) – [Collectis](#) (Euronext Growth: ALCLS; Nasdaq: CLLS) - André Choulika, Ph.D., Collectis' Chairman and CEO, announces that he will focus all his energy on Collectis' development activities, and thus, announces his retirement from Calyxt's Board of Directors, effective immediately. Calyxt's Board of Directors has appointed Yves Ribeill, Ph.D., currently a Calyxt Board member, as Chairman, effective immediately. Additionally, Calyxt's Board of Directors appointed Laurent Arthaud, Collectis' Board member, as a Collectis designated Director, effective immediately.

"Back in March 2010, Collectis started Collectis Plant Sciences, now Calyxt. I'm very proud of this amazing journey, which was brought to fruition by using our leading-edge TALEN® technology to bring healthier, more sustainable products to market. Tens of thousands of acres have been planted with Calyxt seeds across multiple states, and this is just the beginning. Calyxt is at a pivotal stage in its growth, and at a point of maturity that requires deep commitment to reach the next development steps," said André Choulika, co-founder, Chairman and CEO, Collectis.

Dr. Choulika continues, "At the same time, Collectis is at a critical turning point with very promising programs in development. We have ongoing clinical trials and more product candidates in preclinical development. It is for this reason that I have decided to focus 100% of my energy on Collectis moving forward. My focus cannot be divided. I am confident that with Yves Ribeill's guidance, in close collaboration with Jim Blome, Calyxt's CEO, the company will continue to provide plant-based solutions to the world."

André Choulika has been the co-founder and Chairman of Calyxt (previously Collectis Plant Sciences) since 2010. At the inception of the company, a small team of disruptive scientists, led by Prof. Dan Voytas, decided to implement their vision to harness the potential of plants. Ten years later, Calyxt is a publicly listed company, with an impressive product pipeline, that commercialized for the very first time a healthier gene-edited food product to benefit consumers.

"On behalf of the Calyxt Board of Directors, I would like to warmly thank André for his guidance, his vision and commitment to Calyxt's success over the past decade," added Yves Ribeill. "With its first high oleic soybean product, Calyxt has demonstrated its ability to invent, develop, market, and supply a gene-edited crop on a large scale. Now, we are uniquely positioned to address agricultural challenges linked to climate change and the environment as well as to bring high-value and innovative health and nutrition products to consumers. I'm honored and excited to guide Calyxt in its next development phase."

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