



**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Ipsen to acquire exclusive rights to investigational ERK inhibitor as part of its existing research collaboration with AGV Discovery**

**PARIS, & MONTPELLIER, FRANCE**, 1st August 2022 – Ipsen (Euronext: IPN; ADR: IPSEY) and AGV Discovery today announced that Ipsen has exercised its option to acquire exclusive worldwide rights to an investigational ERK inhibitor, discovered by AGV Discovery.

The decision follows the successful achievement of a key developmental milestone and is the result of a research collaboration and option agreement between the companies, established in September 2020.

“We were encouraged by the early pre-clinical data and are excited to support the ongoing development of this promising therapeutic candidate”, said Christelle Huguet, Senior Vice President, Head of Research, External Innovation and Early Development (REED) at Ipsen. “We look forward to advancing the science that we hope can one day deliver new, innovative treatments for cancer patients with high unmet needs across a range of different tumor types.”

Cédric BORIES, President, AGV Discovery commented, “I am happy and proud to officially extend our collaboration with Ipsen. It represents a great opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities and have our asset grow, under the guidance of this innovative pharmaceutical company”.

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### **About Ipsen**

Ipsen is a global, mid-sized biopharmaceutical company focused on transformative medicines in Oncology, Rare Disease and Neuroscience. With Specialty Care sales of €2.6bn in FY 2021, Ipsen sells medicines in over 100 countries. Alongside its external-innovation strategy, the Company’s research and development efforts are focused on its innovative and differentiated technological platforms located in the heart of leading biotechnological and life-science hubs: Paris-Saclay, France; Oxford, U.K.; Cambridge, U.S.; Shanghai, China. Ipsen, excluding its Consumer HealthCare business, has around 4,500 colleagues worldwide and is listed in Paris (Euronext: IPN) and in the U.S. through a Sponsored Level I American Depositary Receipt program (ADR: IPSEY). For more information, visit [ipсен.com](https://www.ipсен.com)

### **About AGV Discovery**

AGV Discovery is a product-driven pharmaceutical company specialized in the discovery and early stage development of innovative medicines in oncology. Medical research within the company is focused on identifying new druggable therapeutic targets, considered today as a priority for the treatment of aggressive cancers. Thanks to powerful tools such as crystallography and computerized computational drug design, the company develops series of active molecules on these new targets of interest using the so-called Fragment Based Drug Design techniques. AGV Discovery leads its drug discovery projects up to the regulatory phases by combining its knowledge in drug design, medicinal chemistry, translational research and early ADME Tox then in collaboration with major pharmaceutical companies for further development.

AGV Discovery was supported in the facilitation of the deal by Frans Trouwen, CEO of Liberi Group.

### **Ipsen’s Forward-Looking Statements**

The forward-looking statements, objectives and targets contained herein are based on Ipsen’s

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