PIERRE FABRE signs a partnership with biotech company SETUBIO as part of the *Nature Open Library* program

✓ “*Nature Open Library*” is an original open innovation initiative launched by PIERRE FABRE to share its private plant collection and expertise in the phyto-industrial value chain

✓ SETUBIO will explore the plant collection made available by PIERRE FABRE in order to develop new actives for human and animal health.

*Castres, Saint-Bonnet-de-Rochefort, France, 23 March 2017* – Pierre Fabre Laboratories, the second largest private French pharmaceutical group, and the Auvergne-based biotech company SETUBIO, specialist in microbial biotechnology, announce the signing of a partnership agreement within the framework of the *Nature Open Library* program. *Nature Open Library* is an original open innovation initiative launched by Pierre Fabre Laboratories to develop the therapeutic properties of the 15,000 plants stored in its plant library, the biggest plant collection belonging to a private pharmaceutical company. Both companies will rely on SETUBIO’s high-throughput biological screening platform to identify new pharmaceutical active molecules for animal and human health.

Jean-Christophe Sergère, CEO of SETUBIO adds: “This partnership is a great recognition of the sometimes-unique tools for the valorization of biodiversity that our company has been developing for more than a decade now. Access to PIERRE FABRE’S collection is a wonderful opportunity for us to expand SETUBIO’S portfolio of actives of interest, for infectious animal and human pathologies, nutraceutics and restoring balance of microbiota involved in many metabolic diseases.”

“This collaboration with SETUBIO confirms the relevance of our open innovation initiative, Nature Open Library, which is aimed at exploiting all the potential of our 15,000-plant collection. It enables us to envisage the discovery of new therapeutic uses of plant extracts in sectors corresponding to or complementing our major fields of research”, said Laurent Audoly, Pierre Fabre Pharmaceuticals R&D Director.

**About Nature Open Library**

*Nature Open Library* is an original open innovation program launched by the Pierre Fabre Laboratories to share its plant expertise with developers of innovative projects, from research and development to the industrialization of plant actives. Within the framework of this program, Pierre Fabre laboratories are opening the doors to their private plant library, one of the industry’s biggest collections with more than 15,000 plant samples from 7,000 species. This collection has been created in compliance with regulations on biodiversity access (Rio Convention
and Nagoya Protocol. As part of the Nature Open Library program, Pierre Fabre Laboratories are offering to help their future partners accelerate their innovation processes throughout the value chain, from botany and the provision of plant materials to the production of finished products, thanks to the expertise of the Pierre Fabre Laboratories’ multidisciplinary teams. For more information visit https://nature-open-library-pierre-fabre.force.com.

About SETUBIO

Created in April 2006, SETUBIO is a limited company with a board of directors, specializing in microbial biotechnology. The company’s objective is to promote biodiversity through research of bioactive properties of plants, algae, microalgae, bacteria and fungi. Their work focuses on the search for antimicrobial properties against human and animal pathogens, as well as the identification of novel prebiotics and, more generally, the preservation and restoration of microbiota balance using unparalleled technology.

SETUBIO is a member of BEAM (Biopharmaceutical companies from Europe innovating in Anti-Microbial resistance research).

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About Pierre Fabre

Pierre Fabre is the 2nd largest dermo-cosmetics laboratory in the world and the 2nd largest private French pharmaceutical group. In 2016, it generated 2,282 million euros in revenues, of which 60% came from its international business and 57% from its dermo-cosmetics division. Pierre Fabre, which has always been headquartered in the South-West of France, owns subsidiaries and offices in 47 countries, enjoys distribution agreements in over 130 countries and counts more than 13,000 employees worldwide. Pierre Fabre’s portfolio represents a continuum of activities spanning from prescription drugs and consumer health care products to dermo-cosmetics. In 2016, Pierre Fabre dedicated almost 180 million euros to R&D, shared between oncology, dermatology, the central nervous system, consumer health care and dermo-cosmetics. With its brands, Eau Thermale Avène, Klorane, Ducray, René Furterer, A-Derma, Galénic, Elancyl, Pierre Fabre Health Care, Pierre Fabre Oral Care and Naturactive, Pierre Fabre is the market leader in France for skin care, hair care and oral care products sold in pharmacies and drugstores. Marketed globally, Eau Thermale Avène is the leading dermo-cosmetics brand in Europe and in Asia. In oncology, Pierre Fabre generates over 90% of its revenue outside France. Pierre Fabre is mostly owned (86%) by the Pierre Fabre Foundation, a government-recognized public-interest foundation, and secondarily by its own employees. In 2015, the independent French certification group AFNOR audited Pierre Fabre for its corporate social responsibility policy at the “exemplary” level, according to the ISO 26000 standard for CSR.

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