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Evolva and Cargill to collaborate on second family of ingredients

Reinach, Switzerland, 19 January 2015 – Evolva Holding SA ("Evolva"; SIX: EVE) and Cargill have signed an agreement to co-develop a sustainable, customisable, and cost-effective fermentation production process for a second family of high-value food and beverage ingredients.

This additional collaboration between the two companies is modelled on the first partnership signed in March 2013 to develop next-generation stevia ingredients (steviol glycosides). This second family of high-value ingredients is unrelated to stevia. In the initial phase of the new collaboration, Evolva expects to deploy 5 - 7 researchers. Evolva and Cargill will share costs.

Neil Goldsmith, CEO of Evolva, commented: "Obviously, signing a second product collaboration agreement with Cargill—just under two years after starting our stevia collaboration with them—speaks to the confidence that both companies have about the fermentation route of production for a wide variety of functional ingredients. We are pleased that our relationship with Cargill continues to deepen."

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About Cargill

Cargill provides food, agriculture, financial and industrial products and services to the world. Together with farmers, customers, governments and communities, we help people thrive by applying our insights and nearly 150 years of experience. We have 145,000 employees in 67 countries who are committed to feeding the world in a responsible way, reducing environmental impact and improving the communities where we live and work. For more information, visit <u>Cargill.com</u> and our <u>News Center</u>.

About Evolva

Evolva is a pioneer and global leader in sustainable, fermentation-based approaches to ingredients for health, wellness and nutrition. Evolva's products include stevia, vanilla, saffron and resveratrol. As well as developing its own proprietary ingredients, Evolva also deploys its technology for partners, providing them with a competitive edge and sharing in the returns they make. For more information see www.evolva.com. Questions about our fermentation approach? Have a look at our video.

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