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## Evotec to Strengthen its Compound Collection through a Collaboration with ChemBridge

Hamburg, Germany – 15 February 2011: Evotec AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange: EVT, TecDAX) today announced that it has entered into a collaboration with ChemBridge, to further enhance its screening library. This collaboration demonstrates Evotec's continued improvement to its industry leading hit identification platform.

Evotec's library of 250,000 drug-like and lead-like compounds is available to clients for screening and differentiated itself from other screening libraries through quality, diversity and novelty. Through this collaboration, Evotec will increase its high throughput screening collection through the addition of initially 110,000 diverse and lead-like compounds from the ChemBridge Library Collection. These new compounds complement the chemical diversity of Evotec's existing collection and will further enhance the quality of the hits provided to our partners.

**Dr Mario Polywka, Chief Operating Officer at Evotec stated:** "We are happy to partner with ChemBridge on the expansion of Evotec's high throughput screening collection. This collaboration coupled with our continued investment in our world leading, hit-identification platform will allow Evotec to maintain our market leadership and continue to provide high quality hit compounds to our clients."

Mr. Eugene Vaisberg, Chief Executive Officer at Chembridge, commented: "We are pleased to have this opportunity to work with Evotec. This alliance will allow ChemBridge to expand the reach of its renowned small molecule screening library via Evotec's industry leading hit- identification platform."

No financial details are disclosed.

## **ABOUT EVOTEC AG**

Evotec is a leader in the discovery and development of novel small molecule drugs with operational sites in Europe and Asia. The Company has built substantial drug discovery expertise and an industrialised platform that can drive new innovative small molecule compounds into the clinic. In addition, Evotec has built a deep internal knowledge base in the treatment of diseases related to neuroscience, pain, oncology, inflammation and metabolic diseases. Leveraging these skills and expertise the Company intends to develop best-inclass differentiated therapeutics and deliver superior science-driven discovery alliances with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. Evotec has long-term discovery alliances with partners including Boehringer Ingelheim, CHDI, Genentech, Novartis, Ono Pharmaceutical and Roche. Evotec has product candidates in clinical development and a series of preclinical compounds and development partnerships, including for example a strategic alliance with Roche for the EVT 100 compound family, subtype selective NMDA receptor antagonists for use in treatment-resistant depression and an alliance in the field of diabetes

with Andromeda (Teva). For additional information please go to www.evotec.com.

## ABOUT CHEMBRIDGE

ChemBridge Corporation is a leading global discovery chemistry company providing small molecule screening compound libraries, specialty building blocks for organic synthesis and custom chemistry services. ChemBridge is a San Diego based company with an impeccable 18 year track record of quality and deliverability and operates a state-of-the-art offshore discovery chemistry research site in Moscow, Russia. ChemBridge's CRO business includes multi-year strategic alliances with major pharmaceutical companies as well as mid-size pharmaceutical and biotech companies. Over 500 pharmaceutical and biotech companies and universities worldwide have also taken advantage of ChemBridge's portfolio of products, including its library of 13,000 specialty building blocks and 800,000 drug-like and lead-like small molecule screening compounds. For additional information please go to <a href="https://www.chembridge.com">www.chembridge.com</a>

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