



Press Release

## HORAMA Appoints Dr Russell Greig as New Chairman of the Board

**Paris, May 15, 2018** – Horama ([www.horama.fr](http://www.horama.fr)), a French biotech company based in Paris and Nantes, which specialises in gene therapy for the treatment of rare, inherited retinal diseases, announces today the appointment of Dr Russell Greig, as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Dr Russell Greig will succeed Thierry Laugel who served as Chairman since the last Series B financing round in November 2017.



With more than 35 years' experience in the pharmaceutical industry, Dr Russell Greig has a solid expertise in research and development, business development and commercial operations.

Dr Russell Greig worked at GlaxoSmithKline for three decades, most recently as President of SR One, GlaxoSmithKline's corporate venture group. Prior to joining SR One, he served as President of GlaxoSmithKline's Pharmaceuticals International from 2003 to 2008 as well as serving on the GlaxoSmithKline corporate executive team.

Currently, Dr Russell Greig serves as Chairman of Ablynx (Belgium), and of both AM Pharma and Mint Solutions in the Netherlands, eTheRNA in Belgium, and Sanifit in Spain.

He was previously Chairman of Isconova in Sweden (acquired by Novavax, United States), Novagali in France (acquired by Santen, Japan), Syntaxin in the United Kingdom (acquired by Ipsen, France) and Onxeo Pharma (previously BioAlliance Pharma) in France, and a venture partner at Kurma Partners (Paris, France). Finally, Dr Russell Greig was also a member of the Scottish Scientific Advisory Committee, reporting to the First Minister of Scotland.

Commenting on his appointment, Dr Russell Greig stated, *"I am pleased to join Horama and contribute to making treatments available in the future for rare ophthalmological diseases. Horama is a very promising French company which, with its innovative approach in gene therapy, develops treatments for diseases such as retinitis pigmentosa for which there is currently no treatment."*

Christine Placet, CEO of Horama and Thierry Laugel, former Chairman of the Board added: *"We are pleased that Russell Greig is joining us. His huge experience in the pharmaceutical industry will be invaluable in maximising the potential of our gene-therapy platform."*



## About Horama

Horama is a clinical-stage biotech company that develops gene-therapy treatments, based on recombinant adeno-associated virus (rAAV) vectors, targeting rare inherited retinal diseases. Horama was founded in 2014 by a team of academic researchers who conducted, in 2011, one of the first clinical trials of gene therapy applied to ophthalmology in France, including Philippe Moullier, Christian Hamel (1955-2017) and Vasiliki Kalatzis, from the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM) and Michel Weber and Guylène Le Meur, from the Nantes University Hospital in France.

For more information: [www.horama.fr](http://www.horama.fr)

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