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## **CARBIOS IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FRENCH PEA-PME REGIME**

**Clermont-Ferrand, France, 23 March 2015** – CARBIOS (NYSE Alternext Paris: ALCRB), an innovative green chemistry company specializing in breakthrough technologies dedicated to the recovery of plastic waste and the production of bio-polymers, confirms its eligibility for the French PEA-PME investment regime (a savings plan in shares that fosters investment in small and mid-cap companies).

This eligibility is in compliance with Decree n° 2014-283 of 4 March 2014, established for the application of article 70 of French law n° 2013-1278, dated 29 December 2014, relative to the financial year 2014. This decree establishes the eligibility criteria for companies to the PEA-PME regime as follows:

- The company employs fewer than 5,000 people, and
- Its annual revenue is less than €1.5 billion, or its total assets are less than €2 billion.

Additionally, and in compliance with the applicable PEA-PME provisions, CARBIOS' shares meet the same eligibility criteria as those that are applicable to the French "plan for saving in shares" as follows:

- To have been issued by a company with its registered office in France or in another country of the European Union, and
- To have been issued by a company that is subject to corporation tax or a similar tax under common law.

CARBIOS' compliance with the criteria outlined above allows investors to include shares of CARBIOS within PEA-PME accounts. This mechanism is meant to foster investment in small and mid-cap companies under the following conditions:

- The procedures for the new plan are exactly the same as those applicable to the French "plan for saving in shares";
- The maximum investment allowed is set at €75,000;
- Individual shareholders may hold their PEA-PME account in a different financial institution from the one where they hold their traditional PEA account;
- The PEA-PME accounts benefit from the same tax advantages as traditional PEA accounts.

## **About Carbios**

CARBIOS is a young, innovative green chemistry company, whose mission is to find biological solutions to the environmental and sustainable development issues faced by industrial businesses today. CARBIOS acquired the rights to research that was conducted over a number of years by various public and private sector laboratories. By leveraging the unique properties of biological catalysts (enzymes), it has used this research as the foundation for developing innovative industrial bioprocesses that optimize the technical, economic and environmental performance of polymers (thermoplastic materials and synthetic or food-based fibers). The company has focused its efforts on a strategic application sector: plastics. CARBIOS' growth strategy is based on a clear business model of industrial value creation that targets attractive markets, develops innovative and competitive bioprocesses and licenses them to major industrial stakeholders for commercialization. CARBIOS benefits from the financial support of the leading European venture capital firm Truffle Capital. CARBIOS was founded in 2011 and has been managed, since its inception, by the *Holding Incubatrice Chimie Verte* fund. CARBIOS was granted the label "Young Innovative Company" by Bpifrance (former OSEO) and is eligible for investments by private equity mutual funds (FCPIs).

For more information, please visit: [www.carbios.fr](http://www.carbios.fr)

### **Date of the next press release: 30 April 2015 (post-market) – Availability of the Annual Report**

CARBIOS is eligible for the PEA-PME regime



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