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## Chairman of the Board of Directors of Montréal InVivo steps down: PAUL LIRETTE TAKES ON NEW CHALLENGES INTERNATIONALLY

**Montréal, January 19, 2018** – It is with regret that Montréal InVivo announces the departure of Mr. Paul Lirette, President of GSK Pharma Canada, as Chairman of its Board of Directors. "Paul was offered the position of managing the Japanese subsidiary of GSK and will take on his new responsibilities in a few days. This prestigious promotion attests to his impressive qualities as a world-class leader, on which we congratulate him, and from which the cluster was fortunate to benefit extensively. But his departure will leave a big void in our ecosystem," shared Frank Béraud, Chief Executive Officer of Montréal InVivo.

Paul Lirette was very actively involved in the cluster, serving as a member of the Board of Montréal InVivo from 2012 to 2014 and Chairman of the Board from 2014 to 2018. Over this period, he brought his passion and energy to the cluster and facilitated the advancement of many projects and initiatives to further the life sciences and health technologies (LSHT) sector.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of Montréal InVivo, I would like to thank Paul for his sincere commitment and tremendous contribution to the sector. He always showed such availability and exciting ambition for Montréal InVivo," said Frank Béraud. "We are very sad to hear that he is leaving, but wish him great success in his new role."

A unifying force, Mr. Lirette developed strategic alliances with various stakeholders in the LSHT industry. One example is with the creation of NEOMED's new Biologics and Vaccine Centre of Excellence in Laval. He sat on several boards of directors in Montreal, including the Fondation de l'UQAM and Montréal International, or Great Montreal's attractiveness board.

**About Montréal InVivo**

Montréal InVivo is the brand name for the life sciences and health technologies (LSHT) cluster of the Montréal metropolitan area. The cluster comprises almost 600 organizations, including more than 150 research centres, 80 subsidiaries of world-class companies, and 40,000 people employed in the sector. A wellspring of great ideas, the cluster includes four universities and ranks first in Canada for the number of research centres. Montréal InVivo is a non-profit economic development organization dedicated to the creation of wealth. Its activities are supported by funding from the Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et des Exportations (MEIE), the Secrétariat à la région métropolitaine reporting to the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Occupation du territoire, the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM), Canada Economic Development (CED) and private and institutional sectors.

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