



## **Appointment of Maria Wiltz as Director in charge of Group *Business Development* Strategy of METabolic EXplorer as part of its strategic transformation plan**

***Clermont-Ferrand, 14 November 2023, 18:00 CET - (FR0004177046 METEX): METabolic EXplorer, leader in industrial fermentation for the production of natural ingredients for the animal nutrition, cosmetics and biopolymers markets, announces the appointment of Maria Wiltz as Director in charge of Group Business Development strategy, effective 14 November 2023.***

### **An appointment to support the transformation process**

Reporting to Rudolph Hidalgo, Deputy Chief Executive Director of METabolic EXplorer, Maria Wiltz, in her capacity as Director in charge of Group *Business Development* strategy and member of the Executive Committee, will supervise METabolic EXplorer's *Animal Nutrition* and *Consumer Care Business Development* teams in the context of the challenges of the ecological transition and the requirements of naturalness and sustainability.

Maria Wiltz will be responsible for accelerating value creation in the activities that make up the short, medium and long-term business plan, in particular by implementing the CDMO (*contract development manufacturing organisation*). Maria will also play a key role in deploying the Group's strategic vision by negotiating commercial contracts and boosting performance across the value chain.

Benjamin Gonzalez is delighted with the appointment of Maria Wiltz to METabolic EXplorer: *"The members of the Board of Directors and I are delighted to welcome Maria Wiltz to METabolic EXplorer after Rudolph Hidalgo. Her background in life sciences, animal nutrition and strategic business development makes her an undeniable asset to support us in accelerating our strategic transformation plan initiated in 2021. We are convinced that Maria's collaboration with our teams and management will contribute to the Group's development."*

Maria Wiltz, for her part, spoke of her interest in applying her business experience to METabolic EXplorer's future strategy. *"As a player committed to a low-carbon industry with functional ingredients made differently, the strategic challenges ahead for METabolic EXplorer are real challenges, to better meet consumer expectations and also to be a committed player in consolidating a green, more circular*

*and more sustainable industry. Strengthening the Group's positioning on global markets, exploring growth opportunities, while ensuring alignment with METabolic Explorer's sustainability objectives are all priorities to which I am honoured to be able to contribute with my professional experience."*

### **Recognised expertise in the animal nutrition sector**



Maria Wiltz, a graduate of the Sorbonne (DESS in Foreign Trade), Asebus Washington University (*Executive MBA*) and ESSEC (*Master 2 Digital Leadership*), has proven knowledge of the ingredients markets for the life sciences and animal nutrition industries. For over twenty years, she has supported the development of groups such as RHÔNE POULENC, RHODIA, ADM, AVENTIS, ADISSEO and INNOVIA. She also worked with SMEs as a *business coach* for the Paris Île-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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***Contributing to the ecological transition through innovations for the production by fermentation of functional ingredients used in the manufacture of consumer goods.***

Using renewable raw materials, the Group develops and industrialises innovative and competitive industrial fermentation processes as an alternative to petrochemical processes to meet consumers' new societal expectations and the objectives of the energy transition.

Its two industrial units, METEX NØØVISTAGO and METEX NØØVISTA, allow the METEX Group to achieve its ambition of becoming one of the world leaders in functional ingredients produced by fermentation for the formulation of cosmetic products, animal feed or the synthesis of biopolymers market 1,3 propanediol (PDO) and butyric acid (BA).

Based at the Clermont Limagne technology park, near Clermont-Ferrand, METabolic EXplorer is listed on Euronext in Paris (Compartment B, METEX) and is included in the CAC Small Index.

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