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## ILVO and KeyGene sign AFLP® license agreement

KeyGene is pleased to announce that it granted a limited AFLP® license to the Belgium Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (ILVO). ILVO and KeyGene signed a non-exclusive license agreement that authorizes ILVO to perform AFLP reactions on certain plant varieties. AFLP is a DNA marker technology for genome analysis, transcript profiling and genetic analysis, developed by KeyGene. The agreement includes the use of the AFLP trademark. Under this license ILVO can continue testing and analyzing certain plant varieties to identify and characterize varieties and essential derived varieties.

Wim-Jan Koot, Vice-President IP & IP-commercialization: 'This license agreement with ILVO emphasizes the fact that KeyGene's AFLP technology is the preferred genetic identification technology in plants. The agreement with ILVO highlights our continuous intention to promote the use of our AFLP technology under license by entities that require robust fingerprinting technologies'.

### About KeyGene

*Keygene N.V. (www.keygene.com) is a R&D company with the mission to be the leading company in developing and applying DNA expertise in the field of molecular genetics. In recent years KeyGene invested in next generation sequencing platforms such as the Roche GS-FLX system (454 technology) and the Illumina Genome Analyzer (Solexa technology). KeyGene has developed a strong proprietary technology platform based on AFLP®, a DNA marker technology for genome analysis, transcript profiling and genetic analysis. For diagnostic purposes, SNPWave® a multiplexed SNP detection technology was developed. KeyGene exploits its proprietary technologies, databases and know-how through contract research and products for applications in the Life Sciences industry and more specifically in innovative breeding applications such as Breeding by Design™, CRoPS® and KeyPoint™. KeyGene's five shareholder companies De Ruiter Seeds, ENZA Zaden, Rijk Zwaan, Vilmorin & Cie and Takii & Co. are major vegetable seed companies. KeyGene has around 120 researchers and staff.*

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