



**PUBLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 14 OF THE BELGIAN LAW OF
2 MAY 2007 REGARDING THE PUBLICATION OF MAJOR SHAREHOLDINGS
(THE “TRANSPARENCY LAW”)**

GHENT, Belgium, 21 March 2018 – Ablynx [Euronext Brussels and Nasdaq: ABLX] today announced, in accordance with Article 14 of the Belgian Law of 2 May 2007 regarding the publication of major shareholdings in issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market (the “Transparency Law”), that it received a notification of shareholdings from Van Herk Investments B.V. on 19 March 2018.

Van Herk Investments B.V. notified Ablynx that it has downward crossed the 5% threshold on 16 March 2018 and now holds 3,730,065 voting securities of Ablynx, representing 4.96% of the current 75,253,667 outstanding voting rights of Ablynx (versus 9.93% notified previously on 12 February 2018).

The notification contains the following information:

- **Reason for the notification:** acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights
- **Notification by:** a parent undertaking or a controlling person
- **Persons subject to the notification requirement:** Mr. A. van Herk, Van Herk Investments B.V.
- **Transaction date:** 16 March 2018
- **Threshold that is crossed:** 5%
- **Denominator:** 75,253,667
- **Details of the notification:** Van Herk Investments B.V. holds 3,730,065 voting securities of Ablynx
- **Chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively being held:** Van Herk Investments B.V. is controlled by Mr. A. van Herk in accordance with Articles 5 and 7 of the Dutch Companies Code.

A full version of the transparency notification is available on Ablynx website, under the section [Investors](#).

The articles of the association of Ablynx NV provide for shareholders notification threshold of 3%, 5% or a multiple of 5% of the total number of existing voting rights.

About Ablynx

[Ablynx](#) is a biopharmaceutical company engaged in the development of [Nanobodies](#), proprietary therapeutic proteins based on single-domain antibody fragments, which combine the advantages of conventional antibody drugs with some of the features of small-molecule drugs. Ablynx is dedicated to creating new medicines which will make a real difference to society. Today, the Company has more than [45 proprietary and partnered programmes](#) in development in various therapeutic areas including inflammation, haematology, immuno-oncology, oncology and respiratory disease. The Company has collaborations with multiple pharmaceutical companies including AbbVie; Boehringer Ingelheim; Eddingpharm; Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, New Jersey, USA; Merck KGaA; Novo Nordisk; Sanofi and Taisho Pharmaceuticals. The Company is headquartered in Ghent, Belgium. More information can be found on www.ablynx.com.

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