



Codexis Appoints Dr. Hicham Alaoui, Veteran Drug Discoverer, as Vice President, Biotherapeutics Research & Development

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REDWOOD CITY, Calif., July 11, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Codexis, Inc. (NASDAQ:CDXS), a leading protein engineering company, announces the appointment of Hicham Alaoui, Ph.D. to the newly created position of Vice President, Biotherapeutics Research & Development. The appointment brings Dr. Alaoui's unique drug discovery skills and talents to Codexis at a pivotal time as the company expands its Biotherapeutics business and works to follow recent success in bringing its first drug candidate, CDX-6114 for potential treatment of phenylketonuria (PKU), into early clinical trials. Hicham will report to Codexis President & CEO John Nicols and will be responsible for directing the Codexis' biotherapeutics discovery pipeline within R&D, and for the acceleration of drug candidates toward the clinic.

"Hicham's broad and extensive drug discovery talents are a crucial and welcome addition to Codexis' great R&D tradition," said Nicols. "Hicham will amplify our ability to drive candidates from our drug discovery pipeline and toward clinical trials given his unique drug discovery, pharmacology, and product characterization skills refined over decades against a wide ranging set of therapeutic modalities and disease areas. In addition to his synergistic scientific expertise, Hicham will also bring a wealth of drug discovery and development leadership experience that will help the Codexis leadership team broadly with the continued build-out of the Biotherapeutics business."

"Timing for my arrival at Codexis is tremendous," said Dr. Alaoui. "The CodeEvolver[®] protein engineering platform has already successfully brought a drug candidate for PKU into clinical trials, following its demonstration of a unique mode of gastro-intestinal action in preclinical pharmacology models. I plan to help demonstrate that this is only the beginning for successfully applying CodeEvolver[®] technology as a drug discovery engine, and to accelerate the pace of lead candidates advancing from Codexis' biotherapeutics discovery pipeline."

Dr. Alaoui has more than 20 years of experience in a variety of drug discovery and development organizations. Most recently Dr. Alaoui served as Senior Vice President Discovery Biology and co-head of Research at Symic Bio, where he was responsible for expanding that company's pipeline and strategically extending into new therapeutic areas. Prior to Symic Bio, Dr. Alaoui worked for five years at Genentech, ultimately leading a large *in vitro* pharmacology group dedicated to lead discovery and optimization for both biotherapeutic and small molecule programs. Prior to Genentech, he acted as key contributor for driving multiple protein therapeutic candidates into clinical trials, as well as the establishment of novel *in vitro* and *in vivo* pharmacology assays through his various R&D leadership positions at Stryker Biotech, VisEn Medical, Neogenesis Pharmaceuticals, and Shire BioChem. Dr. Alaoui earned a Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, as well as an M.Sc. in Biochemistry from Pierre & Marie Curie Université, Paris, France. Dr. Alaoui has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications, in addition to being named as an inventor on multiple patent applications.

About Codexis, Inc.

Codexis is a leading protein engineering company that applies its proprietary CodeEvolver[®] technology to develop proteins for a variety of applications, including as biocatalysts for the commercial manufacture of pharmaceuticals, fine chemicals and industrial enzymes, and enzymes as biotherapeutics and for use in molecular diagnostics. Codexis' proven technology enables improvements in protein performance, meeting customer needs for rapid, cost-effective and sustainable manufacturing in multiple commercial-scale implementations of biocatalytic processes. For more information, see www.codexis.com.

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