
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of January 2019

Commission File Number: **001-37384**

GALAPAGOS NV
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Generaal De Wittelaan L11 A3
2800 Mechelen, Belgium
(Address of principal executive office)

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The information contained in this report on Form 6-K, including the Exhibit 99.1 is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's Registration Statements on Forms F-3 (File No. 333-211765) and S-8 (File Nos. 333- 204567, 333-208697, 333-211834, 333-215783, 333-218160 and 333-225263).

On January 8, 2019, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) [Exhibit 99.1](#). Press release dated January 8, 2019

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

GALAPAGOS NV

(Registrant)

Date: January 8, 2019

/s/ Xavier Maes

Xavier Maes

Company Secretary

Sands Capital reports 5.7% holding in Galapagos

Mechelen, Belgium; 8 January 2019; 22.01 CET; regulated information - Galapagos NV (Euronext & NASDAQ: GLPG) received a transparency notification from Sands Capital Management, LLC.

Pursuant to Belgian transparency legislation¹, Galapagos received a transparency notification on 27 December 2018 from Sands Capital Management, LLC, who notified that it held 3,092,264 of Galapagos' voting securities (consisting of American Depository Shares) on 13 September 2018. On this date, Sands Capital Management, LLC, crossed the 5% threshold of Galapagos' voting securities by acquiring additional securities. These 3,092,264 securities represented 6.02% of Galapagos' then outstanding 51,337,763 shares. Since the number of outstanding Galapagos shares currently stands at 54,465,421, the 3,092,264 securities of Sands Capital Management currently represent 5.7%. The full transparency notice is available on the Galapagos website.

About Galapagos

Galapagos (Euronext & NASDAQ: GLPG) discovers and develops small molecule medicines with novel modes of action, three of which show promising patient results and are currently in late-stage development in multiple diseases. Our pipeline comprises Phase 3 through to discovery programs in inflammation, fibrosis, osteoarthritis and other indications. Our ambition is to become a leading global biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of innovative medicines. More information at www.glp.com.

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¹ Belgian Act of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of major shareholdings in issuers whose shares are admitted to trading on a regulated market.