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 April 2021

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 exhibits, is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's Registration Statements on Forms F-3 (File No. 333-230639) and S-8 (File Nos. 333-204567, 333-208697, 333-211834, 333-215783, 333-218160, 333-225263, 333-231765 and 333-249416).

On April 30, 2021, 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 April 30, 2021

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: April 30, 2021 /s/ Xavier Maes Xavier Maes

Company Secretary

Galapagos creates new subscription right plans

Mechelen, Belgium; 30 April 2021, 22.01 CET; regulated information — Galapagos NV (Euronext & NASDAQ: GLPG) announced today that its supervisory board created 2,736,250 subscription rights under new subscription right plans for the benefit of the personnel of the company and its subsidiaries.

On 30 April 2021, the supervisory board of Galapagos approved "Subscription Right Plan 2021 BE", intended for members of personnel of the company and its Belgian subsidiaries, "Subscription Right Plan 2021 RMV", intended for the employees of its French subsidiary, Galapagos SASU, and "Subscription Right Plan 2021 ROW", intended for the employees of its other non-Belgian subsidiaries, within the framework of the authorized capital. Under these subscription right plans, 2,736,250 subscription rights were created, subject to acceptances, and offered to the beneficiaries of the plans.

The subscription rights have an exercise term of eight years as of the date of the offer and have an exercise price of €64.76 (the closing price of the share on Euronext Amsterdam and Brussels on the day preceding the date of the offer). The subscription rights are not transferable. The subscription rights under Subscription Right Plan 2021 BE can in principle not be exercised prior to 1 January 2025. The subscription rights under Subscription Right Plan 2021 RMV and Subscription Right Plan 2021 ROW vest and become exercisable in instalments: with 25% of each grant being exercisable as of 1 January 2023, 25% as of 1 January 2024 and 50% as of 1 January 2025. Each subscription right gives the right to subscribe to one new Galapagos share. Should the subscription rights be exercised, Galapagos will apply for the listing of the resulting new shares on a regulated stock market. The subscription rights as such will not be listed on any stock market.

Galapagos' total share capital currently amounts to €354,359,437.71; the total number of securities conferring voting rights is 65,511,581, which is also the total number of voting rights (the "denominator"), and all securities conferring voting rights and all voting rights are of the same category. The total number of rights to subscribe to not yet issued securities conferring voting rights is (i) 6,776,730 subscription rights under several outstanding employee subscription right plans, which equals 6,776,730 voting rights that may result from the exercise of those subscription rights, and (ii) one subscription right issued to Gilead Therapeutics to subscribe for a maximum number of shares that is sufficient to bring the shareholding of Gilead and its affiliates to 29.9% of the actually issued and outstanding shares after the exercise of the subscription right. This excludes the 2,736,250 subscription rights of Subscription Right Plan 2021 BE, Subscription Right Plan 2021 RMV and Subscription Right Plan 2021 ROW, which were created subject to acceptance. Galapagos does not have any convertible bonds or shares without voting rights outstanding.

About Galapagos

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

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