

## **Statement from Sanofi Board of Directors**

**Paris, France – Oct 29, 2014** - The Board of Directors held a meeting Wednesday, October 29 at 8am and decided unanimously to remove Christopher A. Viehbacher as Chief Executive Officer of Sanofi. As a consequence Christopher A. Viehbacher resigned as a director of Sanofi.

The Board of Directors thanks Christopher A. Viehbacher for all the work done during the last six years, which has enabled the Group to move through a sensitive and important transition phase.

Going forward, the Group needs to pursue its development with a management aligning the teams, harnessing talents and focusing on execution with a close and confident cooperation with the Board.

The Board confirms its commitment to continuing the strategy and the international expansion of the Group based on research and innovation and its growth platforms.

Pending the decision on the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer, the Board asked Serge Weinberg to fulfill jointly, as of today and on a temporary basis, the functions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. As soon as a new Chief Executive Officer will be appointed, the Group's governance will return to a Chairman and a separate Chief Executive Officer.

## **About Sanofi**

Sanofi, a global healthcare leader, discovers, develops and distributes therapeutic solutions focused on patients' needs. Sanofi has core strengths in the field of healthcare with seven growth platforms: diabetes solutions, human vaccines, innovative drugs, consumer healthcare, emerging markets, animal health and the new Genzyme. Sanofi is listed in Paris (EURONEXT: <u>SAN</u>) and in New York (NYSE: SNY).

## Sanofi Forward-Looking Statements

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