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Cellestar Biosciences Announces Tranche A Warrants Fully Exercised, Providing Proceeds of \$44.1 Million

FLORHAM PARK, N.J., Jan. 25, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cellestar Biosciences, Inc. (NASDAQ: CLRB), a late-stage clinical biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of drugs for the treatment of cancer, today announced that the Tranche A warrants issued as part of the private placement announced in September 2023 have been exercised in full. All participants in the previous financing, led by Rosalind Advisors, exercised their warrants with gross proceeds totaling approximately \$44.1 million.

In connection with the September 2023 private placement, Cellestar also issued to investors five-year Tranche B warrants for potential aggregate proceeds of approximately \$34.3 million. The Tranche B warrants contain a 10-trading-day trigger for investors to exercise following the earlier of the Company's public announcement of its receipt of written approval from the U.S. FDA of its New Drug Application (NDA) for iopofosine I 131, or September 8, 2028.

"We believe that the exercise of 100 percent of the available Tranche A warrants is a testament to the confidence our investors have in our company and lead asset, iopofosine I 131," said James Caruso, president and CEO of Cellestar. "The strengthened balance sheet and investor financial support allows us to remain focused on the required execution to achieve the planned near-term milestones, including the NDA submission, potential accelerated FDA approval and thoughtful preparations for the launch of iopofosine in Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia. In parallel, we continue our clinical development of iopofosine in cancers with significant unmet clinical needs, such as multiple myeloma, pediatric high-grade gliomas, CNS lymphoma and others."

About Cellestar Biosciences, Inc.

Cellestar Biosciences is a late-stage clinical biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of proprietary drugs for the treatment of cancer, independently and through research and development collaborations. The company's core objective is to leverage its proprietary Phospholipid Drug Conjugate™ (PDC) delivery platform to develop the next-generation of cancer cell-targeting treatments, delivering improved efficacy and better safety as a result of fewer off-target effects.

The company's product pipeline includes lead asset iopofosine I 131, a small-molecule PDC designed to provide targeted delivery of iodine-131 (radioisotope), proprietary preclinical PDC chemotherapeutic programs and multiple partnered PDC assets.

For more information, please visit and www.wmclinicaltrial.com or join the conversation by liking and following us on the company's social media channels: [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Facebook](#).

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