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Adaptimmune Therapeutics plc Announces Registered Direct Offering of American Depositary Shares

PHILADELPHIA and OXFORD, United Kingdom, April 05, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Adaptimmune Therapeutics plc ("Adaptimmune") (Nasdaq:ADAP), a leader in T-cell therapy to treat cancer, today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement with Matrix Capital Management Company, LP ("Matrix") to purchase an aggregate of approximately US$42,000,000 of its American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") in a registered direct offering. The transaction was completed from the company's shelf registration at $6.00 per ADS, a premium of approximately 3% to the closing ADS trade price on April 3rd.

The closing of this offering is expected to take place on or about April 10, 2017, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

Net proceeds of the offering will be used to advance the company's wholly-owned pipeline of SPEAR T-cell candidates through clinical trials as well as for other general corporate purposes.

"We are delighted to welcome Matrix to our shareholder base through a purchase of 7 million ADSs, which raises a further $42 million to add to the $62 million raised in our public offering, which closed last week. This brings the aggregate net proceeds to over $100 million and the company now has sufficient funds to take us through to late 2019. We are now funded through delivery of anticipated key data points from our clinical studies in the company's wholly-owned pipeline of SPEAR T cells. We have successfully completed our current equity issuance programme and now look forward to using the investment to deliver data," said James Noble, Adaptimmune's Chief Executive Officer.

Matrix is an investment fund manager based in Waltham, MA with a 17-year track record investing primarily in public companies. The fund holds a concentrated portfolio of high-conviction, uniquely diligenced investment ideas, with a focus on growth companies in enterprise software, life sciences, consumer internet and media, among other sectors.

A shelf registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the public offering of the ADSs described above was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on September 12, 2016. The offering was made only by means of a written prospectus and prospectus supplement that form a part of the registration statement. The prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus relating to the offering contain important information relating to the ADSs. The prospectus supplement will be filed with the SEC and will be available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov, or may be obtained, when available, by contacting Adaptimmune Therapeutics plc, Attn: Investor Relations, 351 Rouse Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19112, or by telephone at: (215) 825-9306.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell nor the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction. This offering may only be made by means of a prospectus supplement and related base prospectus.

For readers in the European Economic Area

In any EEA Member State that has implemented the Prospectus Directive, this communication is only addressed to and directed at qualified investors in that Member State within the meaning of the Prospectus Directive. The term “Prospectus Directive” means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including Directive 2010/73/EU, to the extent implemented in each relevant Member State), together with any relevant implementing measure in the relevant Member State.

For readers in the United Kingdom

This communication, in so far as it constitutes an invitation or inducement to enter into investment activity (within the meaning of s21 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 as amended) in connection with the securities which are the subject of the offering described in this press release or otherwise, is being directed only at (i) persons who are outside the United Kingdom or (ii) persons who have professional experience in matters relating to investments who fall within Article 19(5) (“Investment professionals”) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the “Order”) or (iii) certain high value persons and entities who fall within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) (“High net worth companies, unincorporated associations etc”) of the Order; or (iv) any other person to whom it may lawfully be communicated (all such persons in (i) to (iv) together being referred to as “relevant persons”). The ADSs are only available to, and any invitation, offer or agreement to subscribe, purchase or otherwise acquire such ADSs will be engaged in only with, relevant persons. Any person who is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

About Adaptimmune

Adaptimmune is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of novel cancer immunotherapy products. The Company’s unique SPEAR (Specific Peptide Enhanced Affinity Receptor) T-cell platform enables the engineering of T-cells to target and destroy cancer, including solid tumors. Adaptimmune has a number of proprietary clinical programs, and is also developing its NY-ESO SPEAR T-cell program under a strategic collaboration and licensing agreement with GlaxoSmithKline. The Company is located in Philadelphia, USA and Oxfordshire, U.K.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PSLRA). These forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties. Such risks and uncertainties could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements, and include, without limitation: the success, cost and timing of our product development activities and clinical trials and our ability to successfully advance our TCR therapeutic candidates through the regulatory and commercialization processes. For a further description of the risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements, as well as risks relating to our business in general, we refer you to our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on March 13, 2017, and our other SEC filings. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release speak only as of the date the statements were made and we do not undertake any obligation to update such forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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