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# Mustang Bio Announces Opening of CAR T Cell Therapy Manufacturing Facility in Worcester, Mass.

## UMass Medicine Science Park facility to support clinical development and commercialization of CAR T pipeline

NEW YORK, June 22, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Mustang Bio, Inc. ("Mustang") (NASDAQ:MBIO), a Fortress Biotech (NASDAQ:FBIO) Company focused on the development of novel immunotherapies based on proprietary chimeric antigen receptor engineered T cell (CAR T) technology, today announced that it has opened a CAR T cell therapy manufacturing facility at UMass Medicine Science Park in Worcester, Mass. The 27,000 sq. ft. facility will support the clinical development and commercialization of Mustang's CAR T product candidates and enable proprietary cell therapy research.

The initial build-out of the facility has been completed, and Mustang anticipates processing patient cells by the end of 2018. The facility will initially be used in the clinical development of Mustang's lead CAR T product candidates: MB-102 (CD123 CAR) in acute myeloid leukemia and blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm, MB-106 (CD20 CAR) in B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma, and MB-101 (IL13R $\alpha$ 2 CAR) in glioblastoma.

Manuel Litchman, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Mustang, said, "We are pleased to announce the opening of our CAR T cell therapy manufacturing facility, which will enable us to process personalized cell therapies to be used in the clinical development and commercialization of CAR T products for the treatment of aggressive forms of cancer. Moreover, establishing in-house cell therapy research capabilities will enable us to continue to differentiate our product candidates through innovation in cell processing and the evaluation of immuno-oncology technologies, like checkpoint antibodies and oncolytic viruses, in combination with our CAR Ts. We look forward to building our clinical and Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls teams in Worcester, and anticipate filing our first Investigational New Drug Application in late 2018 for MB-102 in acute myeloid leukemia and blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and facility walk-through will be held today, June 22, 2018.

### About Mustang Bio

Mustang Bio, Inc. ("Mustang"), a Fortress Biotech Company, is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of novel

cancer immunotherapy products designed to leverage the patient's own immune system to eliminate cancer cells. Mustang aims to acquire rights to these technologies by licensing or otherwise acquiring an ownership interest, to fund research and development, and to outlicense or bring the technologies to market. Mustang has partnered with the City of Hope National Medical Center and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to develop proprietary chimeric antigen receptor ("CAR") engineered T cell ("CAR T") therapies across many cancers, and with Harvard Medical School's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and the Harvard Stem Cell Institute for the development of CRISPR/Cas9-enhanced CAR T therapies in hematologic malignancies and solid tumors. Mustang is registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and files periodic reports with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. For more information, visit [www.mustangbio.com](http://www.mustangbio.com).

### **About Fortress Biotech**

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