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Sutro Biopharma Announces First Patient Dosed in Phase 1 Trial of STRO-006, a Next-Generation ITGB6-Targeting ADC, in Advanced Solid Tumors

— *STRO-006 is Sutro's second wholly-owned ADC to enter the clinic in less than one year* —

— *Initial clinical data expected in the second half of 2027* —

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Oct. 21, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sutro Biopharma, Inc. (Sutro or the Company) (NASDAQ: STRO), a clinical-stage oncology company pioneering site-specific and novel-format antibody drug conjugates (ADCs), today announced that the first patient has been dosed in its Phase 1 trial of STRO-006 in patients with a range of solid tumors. STRO-006 is the Company's potential best-in-class integrin $\beta 6$ (ITGB6)-targeting exatecan ADC with a drug-to-antibody ratio of 8 (DAR8), engineered for optimized pharmacokinetics, tolerability and a differentiated therapeutic index.

"Dosing the first patient with STRO-006 marks our second ADC to enter the clinic in less than a year and reflects the Sutro team's exceptional execution of our pipeline strategy," said Jane Chung, Chief Executive Officer of Sutro. "ITGB6 is difficult to target due to complex biology and is expressed across a broad range of tumors with high unmet need, including non-small cell lung and head and neck cancers. In preclinical models, STRO-006 demonstrated potent, sustained anti-tumor activity with minimal on-target toxicity, supporting our belief that Sutro's advanced design capabilities can widen the therapeutic index and deliver a differentiated safety and efficacy profile. We look forward to advancing STRO-006 in the clinic and evaluating its potential to benefit patients."

The Phase 1, open-label, multicenter trial is designed to evaluate the safety, pharmacokinetics and preliminary anti-tumor activity of STRO-006 in adults with advanced or metastatic solid tumors. The dose-escalation portion will enroll patients with ITGB6-expressing tumor types, including head and neck cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, esophageal/gastric cancer, colorectal cancer, endometrial cancer, urothelial cancer and breast cancer. The trial will evaluate STRO-006 across ascending dose levels beginning at 1.5 mg/kg. This starting dose is enabled by Sutro's precise design capabilities and supported by the tolerability observed in non-human primates at doses up to 30 mg/kg.

More information can be found at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT07807345>

About STRO-006

STRO-006 is Sutro's next-generation DAR8 ADC targeting integrin $\beta 6$ (ITGB6), a tumor-

associated antigen expressed across several high-prevalence solid tumors. This candidate delivers a potent exatecan payload attached via a site-specific β -glucuronidase cleavable linker to a high-affinity antibody that binds to ITGB6 without disrupting TGF β signaling. STRO-006 is designed to deliver a wider therapeutic index than conventional ADCs by enhancing selectivity, stability, and pharmacokinetics. In preclinical studies, STRO-006 demonstrated strong and durable anti-tumor activity. STRO-006 is currently being evaluated in a Phase 1 trial in patients with a range of ITGB6-expressing solid tumors.

About Sutro Biopharma

Sutro Biopharma, Inc. is a clinical-stage biotechnology company advancing a next-generation antibody-drug conjugate (ADC) platform designed to deliver single- and dual-payload ADCs that enable meaningful breakthroughs for patients with cancer. By fully optimizing the antibody, linker, and payload, Sutro's cell-free platform produces ADCs that are engineered to improve drug exposure, reduce side effects, and expand the range of treatable tumor types. With unique capabilities in dual-payload ADCs, Sutro aims to overcome treatment resistance and redefine what's possible in cancer therapy. The Company's pipeline of single- and dual-payload ADCs targets large oncology markets with limited treatment options and significant need for improved therapies.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, but not limited to, anticipated preclinical and clinical development activities; timing of announcements of IND submissions, trial initiation, clinical results, and other regulatory filings, including initial clinical data from the Phase 1 trial of STRO-006; potential benefits, efficacy and safety profile of the Company's product candidates, including STRO-006, and platform; potential market opportunities for the Company's product candidates; and the positioning of the Company's product candidates in the competitive landscape. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, the Company cannot guarantee future events, results, actions, levels of activity, performance or achievements, and the timing and results of biotechnology development and potential regulatory approval are inherently uncertain. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause the Company's actual activities or results to differ significantly from those expressed in any forward-looking statement, including risks and uncertainties related to the Company's ability to advance its product candidates, the receipt and timing of potential regulatory designations, approvals and commercialization of product candidates, the market size for the Company's product candidates to be smaller than anticipated, clinical trial sites, supply chain and manufacturing facilities, the Company's ability to obtain, maintain and recognize the benefits of certain designations received by product candidates, the timing and results of preclinical and clinical trials, including the risk that results of preclinical studies may not be predictive of results in clinical trials and that undesirable side effects could result in the delay, suspension or termination of clinical trials, the Company's ability to fund development activities and achieve development goals, the Company's ability to protect intellectual property, the Company's commercial collaborations with third parties, the impact of health

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