

## Sabrina Martucci Johnson Joins Aethlon Medical's Board of Directors

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 10, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Aethlon Medical, Inc. (Nasdaq: AEMD), a therapeutic technology company focused on unmet needs in global health and biodefense, today announced the appointment of Sabrina Martucci Johnson to its Board of Directors and to its Audit Committee. Ms. Johnson qualifies as an independent director under the Nasdaq Rules.

"We are very pleased to have Sabrina join the Aethlon team," stated Aethlon Medical founder and CEO, Jim Joyce. "With the recent "Breakthrough Device" designation of our Hemopurifier, Sabrina's appointment reflects our focus to build a Board of Directors with relevant experience in transitioning clinical-stage therapies to the marketplace."

"I am pleased to be joining the board and assisting in the strategy to bring the Aethlon Hemopurifier® therapeutic device to market," stated Sabrina Martucci Johnson. "It is an honor to work on a program that has the opportunity to address life-threatening viral infections that are not addressed with approved therapies."

Sabrina Martucci Johnson is the Founder and CEO of DARÉ Bioscience (NASDAQ:DARE), a healthcare company committed to the development and commercialization of innovative products in women's reproductive health. Prior to founding DARÉ, Sabrina was President of WomanCare Global Trading, a global provider of women's health products, and CFO/CAO of the California Institute for Biomedical Research. She served as COO and CFO of Cypress Bioscience, Inc., the developer of the PROSORBA column, where she launched and secured a global partner for that apheresis product until its sale for \$250 million in 2010. She also held sales and marketing positions with Advanced Tissue Sciences and Clonetics Corporation. She began her career in the biotechnology industry as a research scientist with Baxter Healthcare.

In the community Sabrina serves on the board of organizations that advance the economic well-being and health of women and girls and promote education. She serves on the YWCA of San Diego County Board of Directors as immediate past-president, Clearity Foundation Board of Directors, Athena Board of Directors as Co-Chair, Tulane University School of Science & Engineering Board of Advisors, University California San Diego Librarian's Advisory Board, Project Concern International Audit Committee, and Sabrina is the immediate past co-president of Women Give San Diego.

Sabrina has a Master of International Management with honors from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird); a MSc. in Biochemical Engineering from the University of London, University College London; and a BSc. in Biomedical Engineering from Tulane University, magna cum laude.

## About Aethlon Medical, Inc.

Aethlon Medical is focused on addressing unmet needs in global health and biodefense. The Aethlon Hemopurifier® is a first-in-class therapeutic device designed to address life-threatening viral infections. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has designated the Hemopurifier® as a Breakthrough Device related to the treatment of life-threatening viruses that are not addressed with approved therapies.

In collaboration with leading government and non-government research institutes, Aethlon has validated the ability of the Hemopurifier® to capture a broad-spectrum of pandemic influenza viruses, mosquito-borne viruses and deadly hemorrhagic viruses. Based on its use to treat Ebola virus, the Hemopurifier® was named a "Top 25 Invention" and one of the "Eleven Most Remarkable Advances in Healthcare," by TIME Magazine.

Aethlon is also investigating the potential therapeutic use of the Hemopurifier® to reduce the presence of tumor-derived exosomes, which contribute to immune-suppression and the spread of metastasis in cancer patients. Additionally, Aethlon is the majority owner of Exosome Sciences, Inc. (ESI), which is focused on the discovery of exosomal biomarkers to diagnose and monitor cancer and neurological disorders, including Alzheimer's disease (AD) and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE). Additional information can be found online at <a href="www.AethlonMedical.com">www.AethlonMedical.com</a> and <a href="www.ExosomeSciences.com">www.ExosomeSciences.com</a>. You can also connect with us on Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook and Google+.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

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undertake any duty, to update this information to reflect future events or circumstances.

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