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Cellecstar Announces 1-for-10 Reverse Stock Split

MADISON, Wis., July 13, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cellecstar Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:CLRB), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of targeted treatments for cancer, announces a 1-for-10 reverse split of its common stock, effective at the close of business today.

Stockholders approved the reverse stock split at Cellecstar's special meeting of stockholders held on July 12, 2018. On July 9, 2018, Cellecstar's Board of Directors approved the implementation of the reverse stock split and determined the appropriate reverse stock split to be a ratio of 1-for-10, subject to stockholder approval.

Shares of Cellecstar's common stock will trade on a post-split basis beginning on July 17, 2018. The Company's ticker symbol, CLRB, will remain unchanged. The new CUSIP number for Cellecstar's common stock post-reverse split will be 15117F500.

At the effective time of the reverse stock split, every 10 shares of Cellecstar's issued and outstanding common stock will automatically be combined and converted into 1 issued and outstanding share of common stock without any change in the par value of the shares. This will reduce the outstanding common shares of Cellecstar from approximately 18 million to approximately 1.8 million. Proportional adjustments will also be made to the shares issuable in connection with Cellecstar's outstanding stock options and warrants.

Proportionate voting rights and other rights of common stockholders will not be affected by the reverse stock split, other than as a result of the cashing out of fractional shares. Stockholders who would otherwise hold a fractional share will receive a cash payment in lieu of a fractional share. Please direct any questions you might have regarding the reverse split to your broker or the company's stock transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, by calling (718) 921-8317.

About Cellecstar Biosciences, Inc.

Cellecstar Biosciences is focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of drugs for the treatment of cancer. The company plans to develop proprietary drugs independently and through research and development (R&D) collaborations. The core drug development strategy is to leverage our PDC platform to develop therapeutics that specifically target treatment to cancer cells. Through R&D collaborations, the company's strategy is to generate near-term capital, supplement internal resources, gain access to novel molecules or payloads, accelerate product candidate development and broaden our proprietary and partnered product pipelines.

The company's lead PDC therapeutic, CLR 131, is in a Phase 1 clinical study in patients with relapsed or refractory (R/R) MM and a Phase 2 clinical study in R/R MM and a range of B-cell malignancies. The company is currently initiating a Phase 1 study with CLR 131 in pediatric solid tumors and lymphoma, and is planning a second Phase 1 study in

combination with external beam radiation for head and neck cancer. The company's product pipeline also includes two preclinical PDC chemotherapeutic programs (CLR 1700 and 1900) and partnered assets include PDCs from multiple R&D collaborations.

For more information please visit www.collectar.com.

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