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Cerecor to Present at the 18th Annual Rodman & Renshaw Global Investment Conference in New York City September 11-13th, 2016

BALTIMORE-- Cerecor Inc. (NASDAQ: CERC), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing treatments to make a difference in the lives of patients with neurological and psychiatric disorders, today announced it will be featured as a presenting company at the 18th Annual Rodman & Renshaw Global Investment Conference, sponsored by H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC. The conference is being held on September 11-13, 2016, at Lotte New York Palace Hotel in New York City.

Dr. Uli Hacksell, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cerecor, will provide an overview of the Company's business during the live presentation and will be available to participate in one-on-one meetings with investors who are registered to attend the conference.

If you are an institutional investor, and would like to attend the Company's presentation, please click on the following link (www.rodmanevents.com) to register for the Rodman & Renshaw conference. Once your registration is confirmed, you will be prompted to log into the conference website to request a one-on-one meeting with the Company.

Presentation Date: September 12, 2016

Time: 2:35 pm (Eastern Time)

Location: Adam's Room; Lotte New York Palace Hotel in New York City

The presentation will be webcast live. To access the webcast, please visit <http://wsw.com/webcast/rshq26/cerc>. The webcast replay will remain available for 90 days following the live presentation.

About Cerecor

Cerecor is a biopharmaceutical company with the goal of becoming a leader in the development of innovative drugs that make a difference in the lives of patients with neurological and psychiatric disorders. We are committed to the development of drugs that improve lives by applying our extensive knowledge and experience in central nervous system disorders. Cerecor is currently pursuing the development of two clinical Phase 2-stage product candidates: CERC-301 and CERC-501.

CERC-301 is currently in Phase 2 development as an oral, rapidly acting adjunctive treatment of patients with severe major depressive disorder, or MDD, who are failing to achieve an adequate response to their current antidepressant treatment with a rapid onset of effect. Cerecor received fast track designation by the United States Food and Drug Administration in November 2013 for CERC-301 for the treatment of MDD. CERC-301 belongs to a class of compounds known as antagonists, or inhibitors, of the N-methyl-D-aspartate, or NMDA, receptor, a receptor subtype of the glutamate neurotransmitter system that is responsible for controlling neurological adaptation. We believe CERC-301 will be a first-in-class medication that will cause a significant reduction in depressive symptoms in a matter of days, as compared to weeks or months with conventional therapies, because it specifically blocks the NMDA receptor subunit 2B, which we believe provides rapid and significant antidepressant activity without the adverse side effect profile of non-selective NMDA receptor antagonists.

CERC-501 is currently in Phase 2 development for smoking cessation. CERC-501 is a potent and selective kappa opioid receptor, or KOR, antagonist. KORs are believed to play key roles in modulating stress, mood and addictive behaviors. Ultimately, Cerecor intends to pursue development of CERC-501 for the treatment of substance use disorders more broadly (e.g., nicotine, alcohol, and/or cocaine) and as an adjunctive treatment of MDD. In addition to Cerecor's Phase 2 trial, two externally-funded clinical trials are being conducted to evaluate the use of CERC-501 in treating cocaine addiction and mood disorders. One study is being conducted under the auspices of the National Institute of Mental Health and the second study is being funded by a private foundation.

In addition to our two clinical Phase 2-stage product candidates, Cerecor has one preclinical stage asset, CERC-406, a brain penetrant catechol-O-methyltransferase, or COMT, inhibitor with potential procognitive activity.

For more information about the Company and its products, please visit www.cerecor.com or contact Mariam E. Morris, Chief Financial Officer, at (443) 304-8002.

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