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Acasti to Present at The Annual Roth Conference and Grants Incentive Stock Options

LAVAL, Quebec, March 6, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Acasti Pharma Inc. ("Acasti") (TSX-V:APO), a Neptune Technologies & Bioresources Inc. ("Neptune") subsidiary, announces it will be presenting at the 24th Annual Roth Conference and that it has granted incentive stock options.

Acasti at The 24th Annual Roth Conference:

Monday, March 12, 2012

4:30 PM, Pacific Time

Ritz Carlton Hotel, Dana Point, California

Speaker : Harlan Waksal, M.D., Executive Vice-President, Business & Scientific Affairs

The 24th Annual Roth Conference is taking place in California from March 11 to 14, 2012. Over 400 companies selected by Roth Capital Partners will be represented at the conference and the organizers expect over 1000 buy-side investors. This event is designed to provide investors with a unique opportunity to gain insight into small and mid-cap growth companies across a variety of sectors.

A webcast of the presentation will be available on the Acasti website at www.acastipharma.com shortly after the presentation.

Incentive Stock Options

As of March 5th, 2012, the Board of Directors, as part of its annual review of direct and indirect remunerations, decided to grant a total of 2,105,000 incentive stock options of Acasti to employees, executives officers and directors. Acasti incentive stock options have an exercise price of \$2 and a 5 year maturity. Insiders have been granted a total of 1,450,000 Acasti incentive stock options.

The options were granted subject to provisions of the Company's stock option plan which was approved by shareholders in June 2011, and subject to the TSX policies and the applicable securities laws.

[About Acasti Pharma Inc.](#)

Acasti Pharma is developing a product portfolio of proprietary novel long-chain omega-3 phospholipids. Phospholipids are the major component of cell membranes and are essential for all vital cell processes. They are one of the principal constituents of High Density Lipoprotein (good cholesterol) and, as such, play an important role in modulating cholesterol efflux. Acasti Pharma's proprietary novel phospholipids carry and functionalize the

polyunsaturated omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA, which have been shown to have substantial health benefits and which are stabilized by potent antioxidants. Acasti Pharma is focusing initially on treatments for chronic cardiovascular and cardiometabolic conditions within the over-the-counter, medical food and prescription drug markets.

About Neptune Technologies & Bioresources Inc. (Nasdaq:NEPT) (TSX-V:NTB)

Neptune is an industry-recognized leader in the innovation, production and formulation of science-based and clinically proven novel phospholipid products for the nutraceutical and pharmaceutical markets. The Company focuses on growing consumer health markets including cardiovascular, inflammatory and neurological diseases driven by consumers taking a more proactive approach to managing health and preventing disease. The Company sponsors clinical trials aimed to demonstrate its product health benefits and to obtain regulatory approval for label health claims. Neptune is continuously expanding its intellectual property portfolio as well as clinical studies and regulatory approvals. Neptune's products are marketed and distributed in over 20 countries worldwide.

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