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# Neptune, Acasti and Enzymotec Sign Settlement Term Sheet Resulting in Stay of ITC Investigation for 30 Days

LAVAL, Quebec, Dec. 18, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Neptune Technologies & Bioresources Inc. ("**Neptune**") (Nasdaq:NEPT) (TSX:NTB) and Acasti Pharma Inc. ("**Acasti**") (Nasdaq:ACST) (TSX-V:APO), a Neptune subsidiary, announce that on December 16, 2013, the Administrative Law Judge presiding over the pending International Trade Commission (ITC) Investigation involving Neptune and Acasti; and Enzymotec Ltd., and Enzymotec USA, Inc. (collectively, "**Enzymotec**") granted the parties' joint motion to stay the proceedings for thirty days. The investigation was instituted earlier this year by Neptune and Acasti in a complaint filed with the ITC alleging infringement of Neptune's krill extract composition patents by Enzymotec and other industry players.

Neptune, Acasti and Enzymotec filed the joint motion for a stay because of their agreement to a settlement term sheet. The parties hope to conclude a final binding written settlement agreement and file a motion to terminate the investigation as to Enzymotec before the expiration of the stay.

To date, Neptune and Acasti have entered into settlement agreements with the other Respondents named in the ITC investigation, and motions to terminate the investigation as to those other Respondents have been submitted. This includes major industry players Aker BioMarine, Rimfrost USA, LLC, Olympic Seafood AS and Olympic Biotec Ltd., among others.

## About Neptune Technologies & Bioresources Inc.

Neptune is a biotechnology company engaged primarily in the development and commercialization of marine-derived omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids ("**PUFAs**"). Neptune has a patented process of extracting oils from Antarctic krill and principally sells omega-3 PUFAs as bulk oil to Neptune's distributors who commercialize them under their private label primarily in the U.S., European and Australian nutraceutical markets. Neptune's products generally come in bulk oil or capsule form and serve as a dietary supplement to consumers. Neptune's head office is located at 545 Promenade du Centropolis, Suite 1000, Laval, Quebec.

Neptune respectively holds approximately 49.95% of the participating and voting rights of Acasti and 96% of the voting rights of NeuroBioPharm Inc. ("**NeuroBio**"). Through these subsidiaries, Neptune is also pursuing opportunities in the medical food and prescription drug markets. Acasti and NeuroBio respectively focus on the research and development of safe and therapeutically effective compounds for highly prevalent atherosclerotic conditions, such as cardiometabolic disorders and cardiovascular diseases, and for neurodegenerative and inflammation related conditions. Acasti's lead prescription drug candidate is CaPre®, a

purified high omega-3 phospholipid concentrate derived from krill oil being developed to address the prevention and treatment of cardiometabolic disorders, including hypertriglyceridemia, which is characterized by abnormally high levels of triglycerides.

### About Acasti Pharma Inc.

Acasti is an emerging biopharmaceutical company focused on the research, development and commercialization of new krill oil-based forms of omega-3 phospholipid therapies for the treatment and prevention of certain cardiometabolic disorders, in particular abnormalities in blood lipids, also known as dyslipidemia. Because krill feeds on phytoplankton (diatoms and dinoflagellates), it is a major source of phospholipids and polyunsaturated fatty acids ("PUFAs"), mainly eicosapentaenoic acid ("EPA") and docosahexaenoic acid ("DHA"), which are two types of omega-3 fatty acids well known to be beneficial for human health. CaPre<sup>®</sup>, currently Acasti's only prescription drug candidate, is a highly purified omega-3 phospholipid concentrate derived from krill oil and is being developed to help prevent and treat hypertriglyceridemia, which is a condition characterized by abnormally high levels of triglycerides in the bloodstream. ONEMIA<sup>®</sup>, a medical food and currently Acasti's only commercialized product, is a purified omega-3 phospholipid concentrate derived from krill oil with lower levels of phospholipids, EPA and DHA content than CaPre<sup>®</sup>.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

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