

## Abeona Therapeutics Raises Additional \$4.6 Million Through Warrant Exercises in Q2 15

NEW YORK, NY -- (Marketwired) -- 07/01/15 -- Abeona Therapeutics, Inc.(NASDAQ: ABEO)

- Financings of approximately \$40 million completed to advance rare disease product development
- Abeona Therapeutics joins Russell Global, Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> and Russell MicroCap<sup>®</sup> Indexes

Abeona Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: ABEO), a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and delivering gene therapy and plasma-based products for severe and life-threatening rare diseases, today announced additional financing of \$4.6 million through warrant exercises, with a total of approximately \$40 million raised -- \$26 million in Q2 2015 -- with financings from leading institutional investors and acquisition proceeds since December 2014 to advance the company's rare disease product pipeline.

"We're pleased with the continued support of investors towards advancing our product pipeline and platform, led by ABO-101 (sc AAV9 NAGLU) for mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) III B or Sanfilippo syndrome targeted to commence clinical trials in 2015," stated Steven Rouhandeh, Executive Chairman. "As we continue to build a gene therapy leader in rare diseases, we have the products, technology platform, team and resources to meet and exceed our development milestones."

**About Abeona:** Abeona Therapeutics, Inc. is focused on developing and delivering gene therapy and plasma-based products for severe and life-threatening rare diseases. Abeona's lead program is an adeno-associated virus (AAV)-based gene therapy for Sanfilippo syndrome (MPS IIIA and IIIB) in collaboration with patient advocate groups, researchers and clinicians. Clinical trials for Sanfilippo types A and B are anticipated to begin in 2015. The Company recently licensed an AAV-based gene therapy program in juvenile Batten disease (JBD) from the University of Nebraska Medical Center; and licensed an AAV-based gene therapy program for Fanconi anemia (FA) disorder and other rare blood diseases using CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing from the University of Minnesota. In addition, the company is pursuing two additional proprietary platforms, Salt Diafiltration (SDF™) Process and Polymer Hydrogel Technology (PHT™), and is active in the development and commercialization of human plasma-derived therapeutics, including its proprietary alpha-1 protease inhibitor, SDF Alpha<sup>™</sup>. For more information, visit <u>www.abeonatherapeutics.com</u>.

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