

Sonoma Pharmaceuticals Engages Maxim Group LLC to Explore Strategic Opportunities for its U.S. Dermatology Division

PETALUMA, Calif., Jan. 23, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sonoma Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: SNOA), a specialty pharmaceutical company dedicated to identifying, developing and commercializing unique, differentiated therapies to millions of patients living with chronic skin conditions, today announced that it has commenced a process to explore and evaluate strategic alternatives for its U.S. Dermatology Division and has engaged Maxim Group LLC as its financial advisor to assist in this process. The Company does not have a defined timeline for such a transaction and cannot provide any assurance whether or when any transaction will be announced or consummated.

Amy Trombly, CEO of Sonoma said, "We've developed a portfolio of quality dermatology products that are highly valued by our customers. We look forward to working with Maxim to develop a strategy to maximize the value of this portfolio for our shareholders."

About Sonoma Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Sonoma Pharmaceuticals is a specialty pharmaceutical company dedicated to identifying, developing and commercializing unique, differentiated therapies to millions of patients living with chronic skin conditions. Sonoma offers early-intervention relief with virtually no side-effects or contraindications. The company believes its products, which are sold throughout the United States and internationally, have improved patient outcomes for more than six million patients by treating and reducing certain skin diseases including acne, atopic dermatitis, scarring, infections, itch, pain and harmful inflammatory responses. Sonoma's vision is to be a catalyst for improved care and increased access for all patients. The company's headquarters are in Petaluma, California, with manufacturing operations in the United States and Latin America. European marketing and sales are headquartered in Roermond, Netherlands. More information can be found at www.sonomapharma.com.

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