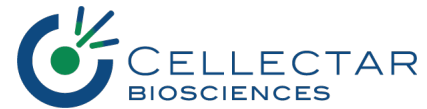


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Cellecstar Biosciences to Present at Ladenburg Thalmann 2016 Healthcare Conference

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 19, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cellecstar Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:CLRB) (the "company"), an oncology-focused biotechnology company, today announces that Jim Caruso, president and CEO of Cellecstar, will present at the Ladenburg Thalmann 2016 Healthcare Conference on September 27, 2016, which will be held at the Sofitel Hotel at 45 West 44th Street in New York City.

"The Ladenburg Thalmann Healthcare Conference is a well respected gathering of investors focused specifically on the healthcare and life sciences space, providing a unique venue for companies such as Cellecstar to present to an educated audience," said Mr. Caruso. "We look forward to reviewing the company's continued operational successes along with our research and development advancements."

The company's presentation will be held in the Madeleine Room (Track 6) at 2:30 PM ET and will be webcast via <http://wsw.com/webcast/ladenburg2/clrb>. Mr. Caruso's presentation will also be archived and available for playback on the company's website, <http://www.cellecstar.com>, in the Investor Relations section.

About Cellecstar Biosciences, Inc.

Cellecstar Biosciences is developing phospholipid drug conjugates (PDCs) designed to provide cancer targeted delivery of diverse oncologic payloads to a broad range of cancers and cancer stem cells. Cellecstar's PDC platform is based on the company's proprietary phospholipid ether analogs. These novel small-molecules have demonstrated highly selective uptake and retention in a broad range of cancers. Cellecstar's PDC pipeline includes product candidates for cancer therapy and cancer diagnostic imaging. The company's lead therapeutic PDC, CLR 131, utilizes iodine-131, a cytotoxic radioisotope, as its payload. CLR 131 is currently being evaluated under an orphan drug designated Phase 1 clinical study in patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma. The company is also developing PDCs for targeted delivery of chemotherapeutics such as paclitaxel (CLR 1602-PTX), a preclinical stage product candidate, and plans to expand its PDC chemotherapeutic pipeline through both in-house and collaborative R&D efforts. For additional information please visit www.cellecstar.com.

This news release contains forward-looking statements. You can identify these statements by our use of words such as "may," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "could," "estimate," "continue," "plans," or their negatives or cognates. These statements are only estimates and predictions and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause actual future experience and results to differ materially from the statements

made. These statements are based on our current beliefs and expectations as to such future outcomes. Drug discovery and development involve a high degree of risk. Factors that might cause such a material difference include, among others, uncertainties related to the ability to raise additional capital, uncertainties related to the ability to attract and retain partners for our technologies, the identification of lead compounds, the successful preclinical development thereof, the completion of clinical trials, the FDA review process and other government regulation, our pharmaceutical collaborators' ability to successfully develop and commercialize drug candidates, competition from other pharmaceutical companies, product pricing and third-party reimbursement. A complete description of risks and uncertainties related to our business is contained in our periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission including our Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2015. These forward-looking statements are made only as of the date hereof, and we disclaim any obligation to update any such forward-looking statements.

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