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DiaMedica Therapeutics Announces Closing of Private Placement

MINNEAPOLIS, March 20, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- DiaMedica Therapeutics Inc. (the **"Company"**) (TSX-V:DMA) (OTCQB:DMCAF) is pleased to announce the successful completion of the first closing of a private placement for aggregate gross proceeds of USD\$3.8 million (the **"Offering"**). The Offering consisted of both brokered and non-brokered components and resulted in the issuance of 15,955,225 units of the Company (the **"Units"**) at a purchase price of USD\$0.245 (CAD\$0.31) per Unit (the **"Offering Price"**). The Offering was priced with Dominick Capital Corp based upon the trading price range of the Company's common stock on March 1, 2018.

Each Unit consists of one common share of DiaMedica Therapeutics and one-half of one common share purchase warrant (each whole Common Share purchase warrant, a **"Warrant"**). Each Warrant entitles the holder to acquire, subject to adjustment, one additional common share at an exercise price of USD\$0.35 per share until 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) on the date that is: (i) twenty-four months after the date of issuance, or (ii) if on any date (the **"Accelerated Exercised Date"**) (a) the volume-weighted average closing trading price of the Common Shares on any recognized Canadian stock exchange equals or exceeds USD\$0.60 for a period of 21 consecutive trading days, then, at the Company's sole discretion and upon the Company sending the holder written notice of such Accelerated Exercise Date (the **"Notice"**) and issuing a news release announcing such Accelerated Exercise Date (the **"News Release"**), the day that is 30 days following the later of: (i) the date on which such Notice is sent to the holder; or (ii) the date on which the News Release is issued.

Dominick Capital Corporation (the **"Agent"**) was engaged as lead agent in connection with the brokered portion of the Offering. In consideration for its services, the Company paid the Agent (together with its sub-agents) an aggregate cash fee of USD\$168,000 and issued an aggregate of 707,120 compensation options (the **"Compensation Options"**). Each Compensation Option entitles the holder to purchase one Common Share at the Offering Price for a period of 24 months from the closing of the Offering, subject to acceleration on the same terms as the Warrants.

In connection with the non-brokered portion of the Offering, the Company paid aggregate finder's fees of approximately USD\$60,000 and issued an aggregate of 254,720 Compensation Options to the following finders: Echelon Wealth Partners Inc., Canaccord Genuity Corp., Richardson GMP Ltd., Leede Jones Gable and Mackie Research Capital Corporation.

The Company plans to use the net proceeds from the Offering to fund its recently initiated REMEDY trial studying DM199 for the treatment of acute ischemic stroke and for general corporate purposes.

The Common Shares and Warrants issued by the Company under the Offering are subject to restrictions on resale in accordance with applicable securities laws and the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange. These restrictions will expire on July 20, 2018. The Offering is subject to final acceptance by the TSX Venture Exchange. The Company anticipates closing a second and final tranche of the Offering on or about March 27, 2018, which second tranche has already been fully subscribed.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in the United States, or for the account or benefit of U.S. persons (as such term is defined in Regulation S under the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended (the “**1933 Act**”). The securities issued by DiaMedica have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 Act or the securities laws of any state of the United States, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent such registration, or qualification for an applicable exemption therefrom, under the 1993 Act and the securities laws of all applicable states.

About DiaMedica Therapeutics Inc.

DiaMedica Therapeutics is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing novel treatments for neurological and kidney diseases. DiaMedica's shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the trading symbol “DMA” and on the OTCQB under the trading symbol “DMCAF”. For more information, please visit www.diamedica.com. Follow us on social media – [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#).

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