



Cytokinetics Announces Addition to Board of Directors

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Company Announces Appointment of L. Patrick Gage, Ph.D.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA, Nov 06, 2009 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- Cytokinetics, Incorporated (NASDAQ: CYTK) announced today that Pat Gage has been appointed to the company's Board of Directors.

Dr. Gage joins the Cytokinetics Board of Directors with over 35 years of experience in the discovery and development of high-impact pharmaceuticals. Since July 2002, he has served as a consultant to the biopharmaceutical industry, including service as an advisor to venture capital firms. From 1998 to 2002, Dr. Gage was President of Wyeth Research and subsequently also Senior Vice President, Science and Technology. From 1989 to 1998, he held roles of increasing responsibility at Genetics Institute, Inc., one of the pioneers in the biotechnology industry, first as head of Research and Development then Chief Operating Officer and eventually as President. From 1971 to 1989, Dr. Gage held various positions in research management with Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. most recently serving as Vice President responsible for US drug discovery. During his career at Wyeth, Genetics Institute and Roche, he was involved in the discovery and development of more than a dozen novel marketed biologics, as well as many small molecule drugs.

Dr. Gage currently serves as Executive Chairman of Virdante Pharmaceuticals, and is also a Director of Acceleron Pharma, Alvine Pharmaceuticals and Immune Control, which are all privately held companies. In the past, he served as Chairman and also as Interim CEO of PDL BioPharma, Chairman of Neose Technologies, Chairman of Adnexus Therapeutics, now a unit of Bristol Myers Squibb Research, and as a Director of ArQule, Inc. and Serono, which was acquired by Merck KGaA. Dr. Gage earned his bachelor's degree in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in Biophysics from the University of Chicago.

"We are pleased to welcome Pat to our Board of Directors at this important next stage of Cytokinetics' evolution," stated Robert I. Blum, Cytokinetics' President and Chief Executive Officer. "As a highly respected and seasoned R&D executive with valuable pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry experience, we look forward to Pat's expert engagement and assistance in guiding our objectives to bring breakthrough medicines towards potential registration and commercialization."

"I am excited about joining the Cytokinetics' Board," stated Dr. Gage. "I look forward to working alongside my fellow Board members and company management to advance truly innovative drug candidates emerging from in-house discovery research through development to benefit patients."

About Cytokinetics

Cytokinetics is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of small molecule therapeutics that modulate muscle function for the potential treatment of serious diseases and medical conditions. Cytokinetics' lead drug candidate from its cardiac muscle contractility program, omecamtiv mecarbil (formerly CK-1827452), is in Phase II clinical development for the potential treatment of heart failure. Amgen Inc. holds an exclusive license worldwide (excluding Japan) to develop and commercialize omecamtiv mecarbil and related compounds, subject to Cytokinetics' specified development and commercialization participation rights. Cytokinetics is independently developing CK-2017357, a skeletal muscle activator, as a potential treatment for diseases and conditions associated with aging, muscle wasting or neuromuscular dysfunction. CK-2017357 is in Phase I clinical development. Cytokinetics is also conducting non-clinical development of compounds that inhibit smooth muscle contractility and which may be useful as potential treatments for diseases and conditions such as systemic hypertension, pulmonary arterial hypertension or bronchoconstriction. In addition, prior Cytokinetics' research generated three anti-cancer drug candidates in Phase I clinical development: ispinesib, SB-743921 and GSK-923295. Cytokinetics is seeking a partner for ispinesib and SB-743921 and GSK-923295 is being developed under Cytokinetics' collaboration with GlaxoSmithKline. All of these drug candidates and potential drug candidates have arisen from Cytokinetics' research activities and are directed towards the cytoskeleton. The cytoskeleton is a complex biological infrastructure that plays a fundamental role within every human cell. Additional information about Cytokinetics can be obtained at www.cytokinetics.com.

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