Cytokinetics Names Robert Califf, M.D., to Board of Directors

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Appointment Strengthens Regulatory, Global Clinical Research and Cardiology Expertise as Company Advances Its Development Pipeline and Executes Against Its Vision 2020

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 12, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cytokinetics, Incorporated (Nasdaq:CYTK) today announced that Robert Califf, M.D., has been appointed to the company's Board of Directors. Dr. Califf is the Vice Chancellor for Health Data Science at Duke Health and Director of the Duke University Center for Health Data Science. He is also serving as an advisor to the senior management team at Verily Life Sciences, a subsidiary of Alphabet, Inc. (parent company to Google) and was appointed an adjunct professor of medicine at Stanford University. In these positions, Dr. Califf is harnessing the power of advanced computing and information sciences to foster collaborations and the development of new technologies to improve human health care.

Dr. Califf joins the Cytokinetics Board of Directors with extensive international experience in cardiovascular medicine, health care outcomes research, health care quality, and clinical research. Dr. Califf served as Commissioner of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) between February 2016 and January 2017, and as Deputy Commissioner of the FDA's Office of Medical Products and Tobacco from January 2015 until his appointment as FDA Commissioner.

"It's our pleasure to welcome Rob to our Board," said Robert I. Blum, Cytokinetics' President and Chief Executive Officer. "As a renowned leader in cardiovascular medicine having overseen the conduct of landmark clinical trials, his expertise will be especially valuable as we continue to advance *omecamtiv mecarbil* in our Phase 3 clinical trials program in collaboration with Amgen and as we further the development of our muscle biology-directed drug candidates and execute on our Vision 2020 across cardiovascular and other therapeutic areas to improve healthspan as the population ages."

Prior to joining the FDA, Dr. Califf was Professor of Medicine and Vice Chancellor for Clinical and Translational Research at Duke University. He also served as Director of the Duke Translational Medicine Institute and founding Director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute. Dr. Califf has been involved in dozens of landmark clinical trials and he has been recognized as one of the top ten most-cited medical authors with more than 1,200 peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Califf is a member of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) and has served on various committees for the NAM. He has also served on the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Library of Medicine, as well as on advisory committees for the National Cancer Institute, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the Council of the National Institute on Aging. Dr. Califf held leadership positions and board appointments for biopharmaceutical companies including Portola Pharmaceuticals, Proventus and Nitrox, LLC. Dr. Califf received his medical degree from the Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, NC and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of California, San Francisco and a fellowship in cardiology at Duke University.

About Cytokinetics

Cytokinetics is a late-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing and commercializing first-in-class muscle activators as potential treatments for debilitating diseases in which muscle performance is compromised and/or declining. As a leader in muscle biology and the mechanics of muscle performance, the company is developing small molecule drug candidates specifically engineered to increase muscle function and contractility. Cytokinetics is collaborating with Amgen Inc. ("Amgen") to develop *omecamtiv mecarbil*, a novel cardiac muscle activator. *Omecamtiv mecarbil* is the subject of GALACTIC-HF, an international Phase 3 clinical trial in patients with heart failure. Amgen holds an exclusive worldwide license to develop and commercialize *omecamtiv mecarbil* with a sublicense held by Servier for commercialization in Europe and certain other countries. Cytokinetics is collaborating with Astellas Pharma Inc. ("Astellas") to develop CK-2127107, a next-generation FSTA. CK-2127107 has been granted orphan drug designation by the FDA for the potential treatment of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA.) CK-2127107 is the subject of three ongoing Phase 2 clinical trials enrolling patients with SMA, COPD and ALS. Astellas is also conducting a Phase 1b clinical trial of CK-2127107 in elderly adults with limited mobility. Astellas holds an exclusive worldwide license to develop and commercialize CK-2127107. Licenses held by Amgen and Astellas are subject to Cytokinetics' specified co-development and co-commercialization rights. Cytokinetics continues its 20-year history of innovation with three new muscle biology directed compounds advancing from research to development in 2018. For information about Cytokinetics, please visit www.cytokinetics.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

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Cytokinetics' business, investors should consult Cytokinetics' filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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