



## Cytokinetics Announces Addition to Board of Directors

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### Company Announces Appointment of Dr. John Henderson

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA, Feb 19, 2009 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX) -- Cytokinetics, Incorporated (NASDAQ: CYTK) announced today that Dr. John T. Henderson has been appointed to the company's Board of Directors.

Dr. Henderson joins the Cytokinetics Board of Directors with over 30 years of experience in the life science industry. Since December 2000, Dr. Henderson has served as a consultant to the pharmaceutical industry as president of Futurepharm LLC. Until his retirement in December 2000, Dr. Henderson was an employee of Pfizer Inc. for over 25 years, most recently serving as Vice President in the Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Group. Dr. Henderson previously held Vice President level positions with Pfizer in Research and Development in Europe and later in Japan. He also served as Vice President, Medical for Pfizer's Europe, U.S. and International Pharmaceuticals groups. Dr. Henderson earned his bachelor's and medical degrees from the University of Edinburgh and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Ed.). Currently, he is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Myriad Genetics, Inc.

"We are pleased to welcome John to our Board of Directors at this important time in the maturation of our company," stated Robert I. Blum, Cytokinetics' President and Chief Executive Officer. "Given his diverse experiences in matters relating to global pharmaceutical clinical development and medical affairs, we are pleased that we can benefit from his knowledgeable insights and contributions as our drug candidates may advance from proof-of-concept stage clinical trials toward potential registration and commercialization activities."

"I look forward to participating alongside other members of Cytokinetics' Board and management team in setting and overseeing a forward course for the company," stated Dr. Henderson. "Cytokinetics' novel discovery and development programs focused on improving muscle function have relevance to a wide array of therapeutic indications. As a result, I believe the company has great potential to make an important difference in the lives of patients suffering from a number of grievous illnesses for which the unmet need remains unfortunately too high."

#### About Cytokinetics

Cytokinetics is a biopharmaceutical company with a focus on muscle contractility that engages in the discovery, development and commercialization of novel small molecule drugs that may address areas of significant unmet clinical needs. Cytokinetics' cardiovascular disease program is focused on cardiac myosin, a motor protein essential to cardiac muscle contraction. Cytokinetics' lead compound from this program, CK-1827452, a novel small molecule cardiac myosin activator, is in Phase II clinical trials for the treatment of heart failure. Amgen Inc. has obtained an option for an exclusive license to develop and commercialize CK-1827452, subject to Cytokinetics' development and commercial participation rights. In April 2008, Cytokinetics announced the selection of a potential drug candidate, CK-2017357, directed towards skeletal muscle contractility which may be developed as a potential treatment for skeletal muscle weakness associated with neuromuscular diseases or other conditions. In January 2009, Cytokinetics announced the selection of a potential drug candidate directed towards smooth muscle contractility which may be developed as a potential treatment for diseases associated with bronchoconstriction and vasoconstriction.

Cytokinetics' cancer program is focused on mitotic kinesins, a family of motor proteins essential to cell division. Cytokinetics is developing two drug candidates that have arisen from this program, ispinesib and SB-743921, each an inhibitor of kinesin spindle protein, a mitotic kinesin. In addition, Cytokinetics and GlaxoSmithKline are conducting research and development activities focused on GSK-923295, an inhibitor of centromere-associated protein E.

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](http://www.cytokinetics.com).

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