



Mersana Therapeutics Added to NASDAQ Biotechnology Index

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 15, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Mersana Therapeutics, Inc., (NASDAQ:MRSN) a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing a pipeline of antibody drug conjugates (ADCs) based on its proprietary Dolaflexin® platform, today announced that it has been selected for addition to the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index® (Nasdaq:NBI). Mersana's addition to the NBI will become effective prior to market open on Monday, December 18th, 2017.

The NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (NBI) contains securities of NASDAQ-listed companies that meet certain eligibility criteria, and are classified according to the Industry Classification Benchmark as either biotechnology or pharmaceuticals. The NASDAQ Biotechnology Index is re-ranked annually. For more information about the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index visit <https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com>.

About Mersana Therapeutics

Mersana Therapeutics is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company using its differentiated and proprietary ADC platforms to develop highly targeted drugs with increased tolerability and expanded opportunities to deliver meaningful clinical benefit to patients. Mersana's lead product candidate, XMT-1522, is in Phase 1 clinical trials in patients with advanced tumors expressing HER2, including breast cancer, non-small-cell-lung-cancer (NSCLC) and gastric cancer patients. The Company's second product candidate, XMT-1536, is in Phase 1 clinical trials in patients with tumors expressing NaPi2b, including ovarian cancer, NSCLC and other cancers. In addition, multiple partners are using Mersana's platform to advance their ADC pipelines.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements are not statements of historical facts and are based on management's beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to management. Forward-looking statements include information concerning the design of its clinical trials. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by terms such as "anticipates," "believes," "could," "seeks," "estimates," "intends," "may," "plans," "potential," "predicts," "projects," "should," "will," "would" or similar expressions and the negatives of those terms. Forward-looking statements represent management's beliefs and assumptions only as of the date of this presentation. The Company's operations involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are outside its control, and any one of which, or combination of which, could materially affect its results of operations and whether the forward-looking statements ultimately prove to be correct. Factors that may materially affect the Company's results of operations include, among other things, that preclinical testing may not be predictive of the results or success of ongoing or later preclinical or clinical trials and that the development of the Company's product candidates will take longer and/or cost more than planned, as well as those listed in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on November 13, 2017 with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Except as required by law, the Company assumes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future.

Copies of the Company's our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our other SEC filings are available by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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