



RedHill Biopharma Announces New U.S. Patent for its Experimental Ebola Therapy

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TEL-AVIV, Israel and RALEIGH, N.C., May 29, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (NASDAQ:RDHL) (Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange:RDHL) ("RedHill" or the "Company"), a specialty biopharmaceutical company primarily focused on late clinical-stage development and commercialization of proprietary drugs for gastrointestinal diseases, today announced that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has issued a patent covering RedHill's proprietary experimental therapy for the treatment of Ebola virus disease. The patent is expected to be valid until 2035.

As part of RedHill's research collaboration with the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), which is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Company successfully completed a proof-of-concept study to evaluate its proprietary experimental therapy for the treatment of Ebola virus disease. The study evaluated survival outcomes and assessed disease severity through the comparison of viral loads in active treatment arms and placebo.

Results from the proof-of-concept study demonstrated a statistically significant difference in survival outcomes of the active arm versus placebo arm. In light of the results, RedHill intends to further advance the development program for the treatment of Ebola virus disease and has applied for additional support from the Office of Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Resources to fund a second study to evaluate the potential efficacy of its proprietary experimental therapy.

If successful, this study is intended to provide supportive data for discussions with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the potential use of the Animal Rule pathway for approval. According to FDA guidelines, approval under the Animal Rule can be pursued only if human efficacy studies cannot be conducted because the conduct of such trials is unethical or not feasible¹.

Ebola virus disease is a severe and often fatal illness which can cause severe hemorrhagic fever in humans and has a mortality rate ranging from 25% to 90%². There is currently no FDA-approved treatment for the Ebola virus disease.

About RedHill Biopharma Ltd.:

RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (NASDAQ:RDHL) (Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange:RDHL) is a specialty biopharmaceutical company, primarily focused on the development and commercialization of late clinical-stage, proprietary drugs for the treatment of gastrointestinal diseases. RedHill commercializes and promotes three gastrointestinal products in the U.S.: **Donnatal®** - a prescription oral adjunctive drug used in the treatment of IBS and acute enterocolitis; **Esomeprazole Strontium Delayed-Release Capsules 49.3 mg** - a prescription proton pump inhibitor indicated for adults for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and other gastrointestinal conditions; and **EnteraGam®** - a medical food intended for the dietary management, under medical supervision, of chronic diarrhea and loose stools. RedHill's key clinical-stage development programs include: (i) **TALICIA® (RHB-105)** for the treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* infection with an ongoing confirmatory Phase III study and positive results from a first Phase III study; (ii) **RHB-104**, with an ongoing first Phase III study for Crohn's disease; (iii) **RHB-204**, with a planned pivotal Phase III study for nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) infections; (iv) **BEKINDA® (RHB-102)**, with positive results from a Phase III study for acute gastroenteritis and gastritis and positive results from a Phase II study for IBS-D; (v) **YELIVA® (ABC294640)**, a first-in-class SK2 selective inhibitor, targeting multiple oncology, inflammatory and gastrointestinal indications, with an ongoing Phase IIa study for cholangiocarcinoma; (vi) **RHB-106**, an encapsulated bowel preparation licensed to Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. and (vii) **RHB-107 (formerly MESUPRON)**, a Phase II-stage first-in-class, serine protease inhibitor, targeting cancer and inflammatory gastrointestinal diseases. More information about the Company is available at: www.redhillbio.com.

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¹ Product Development Under the Animal Rule – Guidance for Industry, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), October 2015.

²World Health Organization (WHO), Fact sheet No° 103, January 2016.

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