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CARDIOME ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH BASILEA FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ZEVTERA®/MABELIO® (CEFTOBIPROLE) IN EUROPE AND ISRAEL

Vancouver, Canada, September 12, 2017 -- Cardiome Pharma Corp. (NASDAQ: CRME / TSX: COM) today announced that it has entered into a distribution and license agreement with Basilea for its antibiotic Zevtera®/Mabelio®. Under the terms of the agreement, Basilea has granted Cardiome an exclusive license to commercialize ceftobiprole in 34 European countries and Israel. Cardiome will provide Basilea with an upfront payment and additional milestone payments based upon achievement of certain commercial and regulatory milestones. As a result of the agreement, Cardiome will be responsible for the registration, promotion and commercialization of Zevtera®/Mabelio® in the covered countries. The drug is currently marketed in Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, France, Austria and Switzerland. Cardiome plans to commercialize Zevtera®/Mabelio® in every European country where it currently has a direct sales force, with the potential for further distribution and expansion. Zevtera®/Mabelio® has shown sales growth since its launch.

"The addition of Zevtera®/Mabelio® to our product portfolio is an important step in our Company's strategic growth as it fits well alongside our previous license of Xydalba™ (dalbavancin hydrochloride), which was launched earlier this year. Ceftobiprole allows us to expand our offering of differentiated hospital products to our European customers while increasing the operating leverage within our commercial infrastructure" said Hugues Sachot, Cardiome's Chief Commercial Officer. "We expect to begin to recognize revenues from Zevtera®/Mabelio® immediately and our sales force will be ready to accelerate commercialization of this important antibiotic after the successful transition of Zevtera®/Mabelio® from Basilea to Cardiome in the months to come."

"Zevtera addresses a significant medical need for patients who are suffering from hospital- and community-acquired pneumonia. Cardiome has a strong presence in the specialty care market in key European countries and we look forward to supporting Cardiome in bringing Zevtera to even more patients across Europe," said David Veitch, Basilea's Chief Commercial Officer.

About ceftobiprole

Ceftobiprole (ceftobiprole medocaril sodium) is a cephalosporin antibiotic for intravenous administration with rapid bactericidal activity against a wide range of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, including methicillin-susceptible and resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA, MRSA) and susceptible *Pseudomonas* spp.[1] Ceftobiprole is currently approved for sale in 13 European countries and several non-European countries for the treatment of adult patients with community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) and hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP), excluding ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP).[1] Ceftobiprole is currently commercialized in Italy, France, Germany, the U.K., Austria and Switzerland under the brand name Zevtera® or Mabelio®. Basilea is preparing a clinical phase 3 program aiming at the regulatory approval of ceftobiprole in the United States. It consists of two cross-supportive phase 3 studies, one in the treatment of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteremia (bloodstream infections) and the second one in acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections (ABSSSI). The program receives funding from the Biomedical

Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, under contract number HHSO100201600002C. Subject of a successful outcome of these studies, there may an option to apply for label extensions in Europe and other regions.

About hospital-acquired and community-acquired pneumonia

Hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) is one of the most common hospital-acquired infections and has been shown to have among the highest mortality rates of all hospital-acquired infections.[2] Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is one of the most frequent causes of hospital-acquired pneumonia.[3] Community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) is a common condition with up to 60% of the patients requiring hospital admission and intravenous antibiotics.[4] Prompt empiric intervention with an appropriate broad-spectrum antibiotic treatment is considered a best medical practice. The increasing incidence of bacteria resistant to many established antibiotics is a major concern.

About Cardiome Pharma Corp.

Cardiome Pharma Corp. is a revenue-generating, specialty pharmaceutical company focused on providing innovative, high-quality brands that meet the needs of acute care physicians and patients. With a commercial presence and distribution network covering over 60 countries worldwide, Cardiome develops, acquires and commercializes brands for the in-hospital, acute care market segment. The Company's portfolio of approved and marketed brands includes: Xydalba™ (dalbavancin hydrochloride), for the treatment of acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections (ABSSSI); Zevtera®/Mabelio® (ceftobiprole medocaril sodium), a cephalosporin antibiotic for the treatment of community- and hospital-acquired pneumonia (CAP, HAP); Brinavess® (vernakalant IV) for the rapid conversion of recent onset atrial fibrillation to sinus rhythm; Aggrastat® (tirofiban hydrochloride) for the reduction of thrombotic cardiovascular events in patients with acute coronary syndrome, and Esmocard® and Esmocard Lyo® (esmolol hydrochloride), a short-acting beta-blocker used to control rapid heart rate in a number of cardiovascular indications. Cardiome's pipeline of product candidates includes Trevyent®, a drug device combination that is designed to deliver Remodulin® (treprostinil) the world's leading treatment for pulmonary arterial hypertension.

Cardiome is traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market (CRME) and the Toronto Stock Exchange (COM). For more information, please visit our web site at www.cardiome.com.

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