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## **CARDIOME ANNOUNCES COMMERCIALIZATION AGREEMENT WITH UDG HEALTHCARE PLC FOR BRINAVESS™ IN IRELAND**

**Vancouver, Canada, May 5, 2014** -- Cardiome Pharma Corp. (NASDAQ: CRME / TSX: COM) today announced that an affiliate of Cardiome Pharma Corp. has entered into a distribution agreement with UDG Healthcare plc, headquartered in Dublin, to fulfill orders and distribute BRINAVESS™ (vernakalant intravenous) in Ireland. The initial term of the agreement is for three years effective as of April 1, 2014. Financial details have not been disclosed.

“We are pleased to have entered into this agreement with UDG Healthcare that will maintain BRINAVESS availability to our customers in Ireland,” said Karim Lalji, Cardiome’s Chief Commercial Officer. “This agreement continues the previously established BRINAVESS distribution partnership, thereby minimizing distribution interruptions to our customers.”

“We are pleased to continue the fulfillment of orders of BRINAVESS on behalf of Cardiome for the Irish market,” said David Keyes, Director of the Distribution and Hospitals division at UDG Healthcare. “BRINAVESS is an important therapeutic option for the management of atrial fibrillation and we are excited to continue making it available to our customers.”

### **About Cardiome Pharma Corp.**

Cardiome Pharma Corp. is a specialty pharmaceutical company dedicated to the development and commercialization of cardiovascular therapies that will improve the quality of life and health of patients suffering from heart disease. Cardiome has two marketed, in-hospital, cardiology products, BRINAVESS™ (vernakalant IV), approved in Europe and other territories for the rapid conversion of recent onset atrial fibrillation to sinus rhythm in adults, and AGGRASTAT® (tirofiban HCl) a reversible GP IIb/IIIa inhibitor indicated for use in Acute Coronary Syndrome patients.

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

### **About UDG Healthcare plc**

Listed on the London Stock Exchange, UDG Healthcare plc is a leading international provider of services to healthcare manufacturers and pharmacies, with operations in 22 countries including the US, UK, Ireland and Germany.

UDG Healthcare plc operates across three divisions: Ashfield Commercial and Medical Services, Supply Chain Services and Sharp Packaging Services.

Ashfield Commercial and Medical Services is a global leader in the provision of contract sales outsourcing services to pharmaceutical manufacturers with operations in major markets including continental Europe, the UK, North America and a presence in South America and Asia. The division provides sales teams, telesales, nurse educators, medical information, healthcare communications and event management services to healthcare companies in 22 countries. It focuses on supporting healthcare professionals and patients at all stages of the product life cycle.

Supply Chain Services includes the United Drug Supply Chain Services and the Aquilant Specialist Healthcare Services businesses. United Drug Supply Chain Services is the largest pharmaceutical wholesaler in the island of Ireland. It is also the leading pre-wholesaler in Ireland and has achieved the No.1 position in the UK through its joint venture business UniDrug Distribution Group. The division provides logistics services to healthcare companies, pharmacies and hospitals in the UK and Ireland. Aquilant Specialist Healthcare Services is a leading provider of outsourced sales, marketing, distribution and engineering services to the medical and scientific sectors in Ireland and the UK.

Sharp Packaging Services is a leading international provider of pharmaceutical contract packaging and clinical trials materials services with facilities in the US, UK, Dutch and Belgian markets.

For more information go to: [www.udghealthcare.com](http://www.udghealthcare.com)

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