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CARDIOME ANNOUNCES COMMERCIALIZATION PARTNERSHIP FOR AGGRASTAT[®] IN SELECT EUROPEAN MARKETS

Vancouver, Canada, May 20, 2014 -- Cardiome Pharma Corp. (NASDAQ: CRME/TSX: COM) today announced an agreement with AOP Orphan Pharmaceuticals AG, headquartered in Vienna, Austria, to commercialize AGGRASTAT[®] (tirofiban HCl) in selected European markets. AOP Orphan will be responsible for the commercialization of AGGRASTAT in the AOP Orphan countries. Under terms of the agreement, AOP Orphan has agreed to specific annual commercial goals for AGGRASTAT. Financial details of the agreement were not disclosed.

“We are pleased to expand our relationship with AOP Orphan to include AGGRASTAT in addition to BRINAVESS,” said Karim Lalji, Cardiome’s Chief Commercial Officer. “AGGRASTAT is an excellent fit with AOP’s established portfolio of cardiovascular products. We are looking forward to working with AOP to sell AGGRASTAT and to implement Cardiome’s commercialization strategy for this product.”

“We are excited to partner and work with Cardiome to commercialize AGGRASTAT, the second Cardiome product in our cardiovascular portfolio,” said Rudolf Widmann, Ph.D., CEO of AOP Orphan. “We are looking forward to selling AGGRASTAT to our existing customer base and to developing new customer relationships which will be key to the future growth of our cardiovascular franchise.”

Key AOP Orphan countries for AGGRASTAT include: Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, and other Eastern European states.

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 the treatment of 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.

About AOP Orphan Pharmaceuticals AG

AOP Orphan is a multinational Austrian company with a strong focus on clinical research, development and commercialization of medicines for rare and complex diseases. Supplying patients and medical specialists with such medications requires the provision of extended services. Big global companies encounter frequent problems in serving such market segments optimally, a fact reflected in the rapid growth of AOP Orphan as we provide individualized and customized services to meet and accommodate for the needs of physicians and patients. AOP Orphan provides its services across all Central Europe, Middle East & Asia. Currently AOP Orphan is concentrating on orphan and complex diseases in hematology/oncology, cardiology, pulmonology, intensive care medicine, neurology and psychiatry.

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