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CARDIOME ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF ESMOCARD SOLUTION FOR INJECTION IN FRANCE

Vancouver, Canada, May 12, 2016 -- Cardiome Pharma Corp. (NASDAQ: CRME / TSX: COM) today announced that ESMOCARD[®] (esmolol hydrochloride) 100mg/10ml solution for injection has been commercialized by its subsidiary and is now available to treat patients in France. Cardiome and its partner, AOP Orphan Pharma, announced their commercialization agreement in May 2015, whereby Cardiome's European subsidiary will exclusively commercialize ESMOCARD and ESMOCARD LYO[®] in Italy, France, Spain and Belgium.

"We are pleased to announce the availability of ESMOCARD to our hospital customers in France," said Eric Lambert, Cardiome's Sales Director, Europe. "ESMOCARD will be detailed by the same key account managers already promoting AGGRASTAT and will begin laying the groundwork for the future launch of ESMOCARD LYO in their territories as well. We believe the resources we are putting behind ESMOCARD will remind physicians the value of this ultra-short acting beta-blocker to rapidly control elevated heart rate as well as the other benefits it affords their patients over other existing therapies."

About ESMOCARD

ESMOCARD (esmolol hydrochloride) is indicated for supraventricular tachycardia (except for pre-excitation syndromes) and for the rapid control of the ventricular rate in patients with atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter in perioperative, postoperative, or other circumstances where short-term control of the ventricular rate with a short-acting agent is desirable. ESMOCARD is also indicated for tachycardia and hypertension occurring in the perioperative phase and non-compensatory sinus tachycardia where, in the physician's judgement the rapid heart rate requires specific intervention. ESMOCARD is not intended for use in chronic settings. ESMOCARD is available in two presentations including a 10mg/ml 10ml solution for injection (branded as ESMOCARD) and a 2500mg powder for concentrate for solution for infusion (branded as ESMOCARD LYO).

About Cardiome Pharma Corp.

Cardiome Pharma Corp. is a specialty pharmaceutical company dedicated to the development and commercialization of innovative therapies that will improve the quality of life and health of patients suffering from 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 patients with acute coronary syndrome. Cardiome also commercializes ESMOCARD[®] and ESMOCARD LYO[®] (esmolol hydrochloride), a short-acting beta-blocker used to control rapid heart rate in a number of cardiovascular indications, on behalf of their partner AOP Orphan Pharma in select European markets. Cardiome has also licensed: XYDALBA[™] (dalbavancin hydrochloride), a second generation, semi-synthetic lipoglycopeptide approved in the EU for the treatment of acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections (ABSSSI) in adults for select European and Middle Eastern nations and Canada from Allergan; and TREVYENT[®], a development stage drug device combination that is under development for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension for Europe, the Middle East and for Canadian markets from SteadyMed Therapeutics.

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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