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CARDIOME ANNOUNCES XYDALBA™ SINGLE DOSE INFUSION APPROVAL BY EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY

Vancouver, Canada, August 9, 2016 -- Cardiome Pharma Corp. (NASDAQ: CRME / TSX: COM) announced that XYDALBA™ (dalbavancin) has been approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for administration as a single, 30 minute, 1500mg infusion (three 500mg vials). This single dosing regimen is in addition to the initially approved dosing regimen of 1000 mg (two 500mg vials) followed one week later by 500 mg (a single 500mg vial).

"We are pleased that the EMA has approved the single dose administration of XYDALBA™," said Kiran Bhirangi, M.D., Cardiome's Head of Medical Affairs. "This approval aligns the dosing regimen with the U.S. label, but more importantly, it could enhance the convenience of antibiotic administration for both healthcare providers and their patients. We anticipate that XYDALBA™ will be available to physicians within some of the major territories under license by Cardiome during the fourth quarter of 2016."

XYDALBA™ was approved by the EMA in February 2015 as a treatment for Acute Bacterial Skin and Skin Structure Infections (ABSSSIs) in adults and by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in May 2014 for the treatment of adult patients with ABSSSI caused by susceptible Gram-positive bacteria, including MRSA.

In May 2016, Cardiome announced the signing of an exclusive license agreement with an affiliate of Allergan plc to commercialize XYDALBA™ in France, the U.K., Germany, Belgium, Nordic nations, certain other European nations (not already partnered), various Middle Eastern nations and Canada. DALVANCE ® (dalbavancin) is marketed in the United States by Allergan plc.

XYDALBA™ is not yet available to patients within the territories licensed by Cardiome

About XYDALBA™
XYDALBA™ is a second generation, semi-synthetic lipoglycopeptide, which consists of a lipophilic side-chain added to an enhanced glycopeptide backbone. XYDALBA™ is the first and only IV antibiotic approved for the treatment of ABSSSI with a two-dose regimen of 1000 mg followed one week later by 500 mg, each administered over 30 minutes, and a single dose regimen of 1500 mg also administered over 30 minutes. XYDALBA™ demonstrates bactericidal activity *in vitro* against a range of Gram-positive bacteria, such as *Staphylococcus aureus* (including methicillin-resistant, also known as MRSA, strains) and *Streptococcus pyogenes*, as well as certain other streptococcal species.

About ABSSSI
There were more than 4.8 million hospital admissions of adults with ABSSSI from 2005 through 2011, which included patients with cellulitis, erysipelas, wound infection and major cutaneous abscess. In fact, hospital admissions for ABSSSI significantly increased by 17.3 percent during this timeframe. The majority of all skin and soft tissue infections in hospitalized patients are caused by streptococci and *Staphylococcus aureus*, and approximately 59 percent of these *S. aureus* infections in the U.S. are estimated to be caused by MRSA. Early and effective treatment of ABSSSI is critical to optimize patient recovery and for certain patients may also help to avoid potentially lengthy and costly hospital stays.

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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