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Pharmacyclics Announces Multiple Presentations at the American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting

Sunnyvale, Calif., April 3, 2008 -- Pharmacyclics, Inc. (Nasdaq: PCYC) today announced multiple presentations on its novel oncology and autoimmune disease drug candidates at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) 2008 Annual Meeting being held April 12-16, 2008, at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA.

Several presentations relate to the company's histone deacetylase(HDAC) inhibitor, which is now in a multicenter Phase 1 clinical trial, and the use of proprietary biomarkers to predict drug sensitivity. An additional presentation describes the activity of an HDAC-8 selective inhibitor that has demonstrated anti-inflammatory properties in preclinical studies.

The presentations are as follows:

Sunday, April 13, 2008:

- Session: Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors and Cell Cycle Inhibitors
Poster presentation: The histone deacetylase-8 selective inhibitor PCI-34051 displays both anti-neoplastic and anti-inflammatory activities by inducing apoptosis in T-cell derived tumors and blocking IL-1 β secretion in monocytes
Abstract #742: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Presenter: Sriram Balasubramanian, Ph.D., Pharmacyclics, Inc.
- Session: Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors and Cell Cycle Inhibitors
Poster presentation: PCI-24781, a novel hydroxamic acid HDAC inhibitor, raises intracellular levels of reactive oxygen species, induces apoptosis and inhibits NF κ B in leukemia models
Abstract #741: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Presenter: Shan Gao, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Monday, April 14, 2008:

- Session: Histone Deacetylase and Heat Shock Protein Inhibitors
Oral presentation: Effects of histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor PCI-24781 on the development of gallbladder carcinoma in BK5.erbB2 mice
Abstract #2447: 11:10 – 11:25 a.m.
Presenter: Kaoru Kiguchi, M.D., Ph.D., The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Session: Novel Biological Therapy Agents
Poster presentation: Levels of tonic BCR signaling predict response to the Btk inhibitor PCI-32765
Abstract #2396: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Presenter: Joseph Buggy, Ph.D., Pharmacyclics, Inc.

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

- Session: Molecular Predictors of Drug Sensitivity and Resistance
Oral presentation: Multiple mechanisms of apoptosis induction by the histone deacetylase inhibitor PCI-24781 lead to predictive efficacy biomarkers
Abstract #3613: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Presenter: Sriram Balasubramanian, Ph.D., Pharmacyclics, Inc.

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

- Session: Novel Small Molecule Cancer Therapeutics 1
Oral presentation: PCI-27483, a small molecule inhibitor of Factor VIIa, inhibits growth of BxPC3 pancreatic adenocarcinoma xenograft tumors
Abstract #5669: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Presenter: Joseph Buggy, Ph.D., Pharmacyclics, Inc.

“Our strong presence at the AACR meeting highlights the breadth of our product portfolio in cancer and autoimmune diseases,” said Richard A. Miller, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Pharmacyclics. “In addition to data on our HDAC inhibitor, other presentations describe our Factor VIIa

and Btk inhibitors, which we anticipate will enter clinical testing later this year.”

About Pharmacyclics

Pharmacyclics is a pharmaceutical company developing innovative products to treat cancer and other serious diseases. The company is leveraging its small-molecule drug development expertise to build a pipeline in oncology and other diseases based on a wide range of targets, pathways and mechanisms. More information about the company, its technology, and products can be found at www.pharmacyclics.com. Pharmacyclics[®] and the "pentadentate" logo[®] are registered trademarks of Pharmacyclics, Inc.

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