Retrophin Appoints Sandra E. Poole to Board of Directors

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Ms. Poole brings more than 25 years of biopharmaceutical product development and manufacturing experience to Retrophin

SAN DIEGO, May 13, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Retrophin, Inc. (NASDAQ: RTRX) today announced the appointment of Sandra E. Poole to the Company's Board of Directors, effective immediately. Ms. Poole brings more than 25 years of biopharmaceutical industry experience in manufacturing strategy, including chemistry, manufacturing and controls (CMC), technical operations, and product development from research through commercialization.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to welcome Sandra to Retrophin,” said Eric Dube, Ph.D., chief executive officer of Retrophin. “Sandra brings to our Board deep manufacturing and CMC experience across multiple therapeutic areas, including rare genetic disorders. Her guidance will be instrumental as we enter this pivotal period with our pipeline positioned to potentially generate multiple NDA and MAA submissions and commercial launches in the coming years.”

Ms. Poole added: “It is an exciting time to join the Retrophin Board and I am looking forward to contributing to the Company’s continued success in delivering life-changing therapies to people living with rare disease.”

Ms. Poole most recently served as the Chief Operating Officer of LogicBio Therapeutics, Inc., a genome editing company. At LogicBio, Ms. Poole was responsible for leading the company’s internal operations, including all technical functions, quality and regulatory, and supported a successful initial public offering. Prior to LogicBio, Ms. Poole held executive roles of increasing responsibility at ImmunoGen, Inc., a company developing antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) to treat cancer. While at ImmunoGen, she built technical development and CMC capabilities and built a network of contract manufacturing organizations to manufacture ADCs. Before joining ImmunoGen, Ms. Poole spent more than 15 years in global manufacturing and development leadership positions at Genzyme (now Sanofi Genzyme). Ms. Poole currently serves on the Supervisory Board for Valneva, SE, a France-based vaccine company. Ms. Poole holds an M.A.Sc. and a B.A.Sc. in chemical engineering from the University of Waterloo (Canada).

About Retrophin

Retrophin is a biopharmaceutical company specializing in identifying, developing and delivering life-changing therapies to people living with rare disease. The Company’s approach centers on its pipeline featuring late-stage assets targeting rare diseases with significant unmet medical needs, including fosmetpantotenate for pantothenate kinase-associated neurodegeneration (PKAN), a life-threatening neurological disorder that typically begins in early childhood, and sparsentan for focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) and IgA nephropathy (IgAN), disorders characterized by progressive scarring of the kidney often leading to end-stage renal disease. Research in additional rare diseases is also underway, including a joint development arrangement evaluating the potential of CNSA-001 in phenylketonuria (PKU), a rare genetic metabolic condition that can lead to neurological and behavioral impairment. Retrophin’s R&D efforts are supported by revenues from the Company’s commercial products Chenodal ®, Cholbam® and Thiola®.

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Forward Looking Statements

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