



Nektar to Announce Financial Results for the Second Quarter of 2009 on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, After Close of U.S.-Based Financial Markets

SAN CARLOS, Calif., July 31, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Nektar Therapeutics (Nasdaq: NKTR) will announce its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2009 on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, after the close of U.S.-based financial markets. Howard Robin, president and chief executive officer, will host a conference call to review the results beginning at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)/2:00 p.m. Pacific Time (PT).

The press release and a live audio-only Webcast of the conference call can be accessed through a link that is posted on the home page and Investor Relations section of the Nektar website: <http://www.nektar.com>. The web broadcast of the conference call will be available for replay through Wednesday, August 19, 2009.

To access the conference call, follow these instructions:

Dial: (866) 831-6270 (U.S.); (617) 213-8858 (international)

Passcode: 25099763 (Howard Robin is the host)

An audio replay will also be available shortly following the call through Wednesday, August 19, 2009 and can be accessed by dialing (888) 286-8010 (U.S.); or (617) 801-6888 (international) with a passcode of 26851386.

In the event that any non-GAAP financial measure is discussed on the conference call that is not described in the press release, related information will be made available on the Investor Relations page at the Nektar website as soon as practical after the conclusion of the conference call.

About Nektar

Nektar Therapeutics is a biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapeutics based on its PEGylation and advanced polymer conjugation technology platforms. Nektar's technology and drug development expertise have enabled nine approved products for partners, which include leading biopharmaceutical companies. Nektar is also developing a robust pipeline of its own potentially high-value therapeutics to address unmet medical needs by leveraging and expanding its technology platforms to improve and enable molecules.

The company recently announced positive Phase 2 results for Oral NKTR-118, its proprietary novel peripheral opioid antagonist that combines Nektar's advanced small molecule polymer conjugate technology platform with naloxol, a derivative of the opioid-antagonist drug, naloxone. Nektar's technology has been shown to increase oral bioavailability and inhibit penetration across the blood-brain barrier, an important potential advance for small molecule therapies. The product is being developed to treat opioid-induced constipation (OIC).

NKTR-102, PEGylated irinotecan, is currently in Phase 2 clinical studies in ovarian, breast and colorectal cancer. NKTR-105, PEGylated docetaxel, is currently in a Phase 1 study in patients with refractory solid tumors.

Nektar technology is used in nine approved partnered products in the U.S. or Europe today, including UCB's Cimzia(R), Roche's PEGASYS(R) for hepatitis C and Amgen's Neulasta(R) for neutropenia.

Nektar is headquartered in San Carlos, California, with additional R&D operations in Huntsville, Alabama and Hyderabad, India.

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