



Cytokinetics to Hold Annual Meeting of Stockholders

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA, May 14, 2009 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- Cytokinetics, Incorporated (NASDAQ: CYTK) announced today that its Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 10:00 AM Pacific Time at the Embassy Suites Hotel, located at 250 Gateway Boulevard in South San Francisco, CA. Robert I. Blum, President and Chief Executive Officer, is scheduled to present an overview of Cytokinetics' performance.

The meeting will be available via conference call and webcast on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 10:00 AM Pacific Time. To access the webcast, please log-on to the Investor Relations section of Cytokinetics' website at www.cytokinetics.com. Investors, members of the news media and the general public may also access the live conference call by dialing (866) 999-CYTK (2985) (United States and Canada) or (706) 679-3078 (international) and typing in the passcode 10209142. The webcast will be available via Cytokinetics' website through May 28, 2009. The audiocast will be available via telephone from May 21, 2009 at 12:00 PM Pacific Time until May 28, 2009 by dialing (800) 642-1687 (United States and Canada) or (706) 645-9291 (international) and typing in the passcode 10209142.

About Cytokinetics

Cytokinetics is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of novel small molecule therapeutics that modulate muscle function for the potential treatment of serious diseases and medical conditions. Cytokinetics' cardiac muscle contractility program is focused on cardiac muscle myosin, a motor protein essential to cardiac muscle contraction. Cytokinetics' lead compound from this program, CK-1827452, a novel small molecule cardiac muscle myosin activator, is in Phase II clinical trials for the treatment of heart failure. Amgen Inc. has obtained an option for an exclusive license to develop and commercialize CK-1827452, subject to Cytokinetics' development and commercialization participation rights. In mid-2009, Cytokinetics plans to initiate a Phase I clinical trial of CK-2017357, a fast skeletal muscle troponin activator, in healthy volunteers in the United States. CK-2017357 is being developed as a potential treatment for diseases and medical conditions associated with aging, muscle wasting, and neuromuscular dysfunction. In January 2009, Cytokinetics announced the selection of a potential drug candidate directed towards smooth muscle contractility; Cytokinetics' smooth muscle myosin inhibitors have arisen from research focused towards potential treatments for diseases and conditions, such as hypertension, pulmonary arterial hypertension or bronchoconstriction.

Cytokinetics' cancer development programs are focused on mitotic kinesins, a family of motor proteins essential to cell division. Cytokinetics is developing two drug candidates that have arisen from this program, ispinesib and SB-743921, each an inhibitor of kinesin spindle protein. In addition, Cytokinetics and GlaxoSmithKline are conducting research and development activities focused on GSK-923295, an inhibitor of centromere-associated protein E (CENP-E).

All of these drug candidates and potential drug candidates have arisen from Cytokinetics' research activities and are directed towards the cytoskeleton. The cytoskeleton is a complex biological infrastructure that plays a fundamental role within every human cell. Additional information about Cytokinetics can be obtained at www.cytokinetics.com.

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