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RICHMOND, Va., Jul 31, 2003 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Insmmed Incorporated (Nasdaq/NMS: INSM), a leading developer of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of metabolic and endocrine diseases with unmet medical needs, today announced results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003. The net loss and cash burn rate were significantly improved from both the second quarter and first half of 2002.

Here are the highlights of today's report:

- The net loss for Q2 2003 was reduced by more than half -- 54% -- year-over-year.
- The first-half 2003 loss was cut by 59% from H1 2002.
- The average monthly cash burn in Q2 2003 was down 49% from Q2 2002.
- The first-half average monthly cash burn was down 64% from H1 2002.

Revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2003 were \$34,000, compared with revenues of \$70,000 for the equivalent period in 2002. The net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2003 was (\$3.2 million), or (\$0.10) per share, compared with a net loss of (\$7.1 million), or (\$0.21) per share, in the corresponding period of 2002.

For the six months ended June 30, 2003, revenues were \$96,000, compared to \$172,000 for the same period in 2002. Net losses for the six months ended June 30, 2003 were (\$5.4 million), or (\$0.16) per share, compared to a net loss of (\$13.2 million), or (\$0.40) per share for the first half of 2002.

"The financial results for the latest quarter show that Insmmed is in an extremely strong position to carry out its growth strategy," said Geoffrey Allan, Ph.D., the Company's chairman, president and CEO. "The sharp decrease in net losses reflects a significant improvement in operational efficiency. With the critical Phase III trial now under way for the Company's lead drug candidate, rhIGF-I/rhIGFBP-3, in growth hormone insensitivity syndrome (GHIS), Insmmed is on track toward our primary goal of getting this candidate to market next year."

Dr. Allan continued: "Insmmed also continues to benefit from positive research results for rhIGF-I/rhIGFBP-3 and another drug candidate, rhIGFBP-3, pointing to possible therapeutic applications in the treatment of diabetes and cancer. During July, studies presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Cancer Research detailed rhIGFBP-3's anti-tumor effects in breast, colorectal and lung cancer. In June, we presented research to ENDO, the Endocrine Society Annual Meeting, showing that a single daily dose of rhIGF-I/rhIGFBP-3 safely normalized serum IGF-I levels in children with GHIS."

Dr. Allan also noted that the Company carried out a private placement of common stock on July 11, 2003 to a group of accredited institutional investors. The sale of 5,146,846 shares at \$2.70 a share netted the company about \$13 million on gross proceeds of \$13.9 million. "This successful placement further bolstered the company's already strong cash position. Added to the cash and equivalents on hand as of June 30, 2003, it gives us a cushion sufficient to maintain operations for nearly three years at the current cash burn rate," Dr. Allan said.

Cash Cover on track

The average monthly cash burn rate, a key measure of Insmmed's ability to carry out its development and marketing strategy for rhIGF-I/rhIGFBP-3, dropped substantially in comparison with both the corresponding quarter and half year in 2002.

For the second quarter of 2003, the burn rate was \$1.0 million per month, a reduction of \$1.0 million, or 49%, from the average monthly burn rate during the second quarter of 2002.

For the first half of 2003 the average monthly burn rate was \$0.9 million, a drop of \$1.6 million or 64%, from the average monthly rate for the first half of 2002.

As of June 30, 2003, Insmmed reported cash and cash equivalents of \$22.0 million. This figure does not include the \$13.0 million of net cash raised through the Company's recently announced equity placement. With all sources included, the \$35.0 million in cash and cash equivalents would be sufficient to continue the Company's operations for 35 months at the current burn rate.

Discussion of Revenue and Expense Items

The reduction in revenues of \$36,000 for the second quarter 2003 compared to the second quarter of 2002 was due to the elimination of international license fees for INS-1, which was discontinued in September 2002. The \$3.9 million improvement in the net loss for the second quarter 2003 compared to the corresponding period in 2002 was driven by a reduction in research and development costs of \$4.4 million, primarily due to the end of research and development for INS-1. In the second quarter of 2002, the Company was involved in four clinical trials for INS-1 that were completed in September 2002. In June 2003 the Company initiated its pivotal Phase III trial of rhIGF-I/rhIGFBP-3 in GHIS.

The reduced R&D expenses were partially offset by an increase in general and administrative expenditures and lower interest income. G&A expenditures were \$357,000 higher in Q2 2003 than in Q2 2002, primarily because of higher investor-relations and marketing expenses. Interest income fell by \$99,000 year over year, reflecting the impact of lower interest rates and a declining cash balance.

Comparing the six-months ended June 30, 2003 with the corresponding period for 2002, revenues were \$76,000 lower, again due to the elimination of INS-1 license fees. R&D expenditures were \$8.5 million lower, due to the reduced clinical trial activity. G&A activity increased by \$439,000 as a result of the investor relations and marketing efforts, while interest income declined \$209,000 as a result of reduced interest rates and a lower cash balance.

Conference Call

The Company will host a conference call on July 31, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (10:00 a.m. Central Time). Company management will conduct the call and will highlight the performance expectations of the Company and the ongoing pivotal Phase III trial with rhIGF-I/rhIGFBP-3 in GHIS. To participate in the conference call, dial 800-838-4403 (domestic) or 973-317-5319 (international). The call will be webcast live through Insmmed's corporate website: www.insmed.com. A telephonic replay of the call will be available for one week at 800-428-6051 (domestic) or 973-709-2089 (international) Passcode: 301801 A web replay of the call will be available through the corporate website beginning at 1:00p.m.

About Insmmed Incorporated

Insmmed Incorporated is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of drug candidates for the treatment of metabolic diseases with unmet medical needs. For further information about Insmmed and the rhIGF-I/rhIGFBP-3 complex, please visit the company's corporate website at www.insmed.com.

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