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Insmmed Advances Follow on Biologics Initiative

RICHMOND, Va., Nov 13, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Insmmed Inc. (Nasdaq:INSM), a biopharmaceutical company with unique protein process development and manufacturing experience and a proprietary protein platform aimed at niche markets with unmet medical needs, today announced the completion of development of two key follow on biologics at its facilities in Boulder, Colorado. The development of INS-19 (Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor or G-CSF) and INS-20 (Peg G-CSF) represents a significant milestone for Insmmed. By achieving these critical development milestones, Insmmed is positioned to initiate clinical studies in the first half of 2008.

Insmmed is at the forefront in the United States for the development of follow on biologics. Our application of "state of the art" protein development and manufacturing processes as well as extensive protein characterization approaches and protein manufacturing processes has demonstrated our capability to develop follow on biologics. Over the last six months we have significantly expanded our comprehensive capabilities to characterize, develop and manufacture follow on biologics.

"We are very excited with the progress we have made in the development of these two products. This clearly demonstrates Insmmed has the speed and capability of bringing these products to the marketplace, which represents a significant value opportunity to the company," said Steve Glover, President of Insmmed Therapeutic Proteins.

More than 250,000 patients in the US are estimated to be treated for neutropenia with G-CSF and Peg G-CSF, which are marketed under the brand names of Neupogen(R) and Neulasta(R) in the United States. Annual sales in the US are estimated at more than \$4 billion for the two products. Insmmed's strategy is to manufacture high quality medicines and bring them to market following patent expiration of the innovator product, thus providing savings for patients and payors, and expanding access to critically needed medicines.

Insmmed has developed a high yield manufacturing process (over 600,000 doses can be produced out of a single production batch) and achieved 99.5% purity with its INS-19 (G-CSF) product. Extensive physicochemical characterization demonstrates that the molecule is highly similar to Neupogen(R). With direct comparison of INS-19 to Neupogen(R), bioassay data demonstrates comparable bioactivity, and pharmacodynamic preclinical studies demonstrate comparable effects on neutrophil count at equivalent doses. Insmmed has initiated preclinical toxicology studies with INS-19 and is planning to initiate clinical studies in the first half of 2008. With INS-20 (Peg G-CSF), a longer acting G-CSF with site specific addition of Poly-Ethylene Glycol (PEG), Insmmed has already achieved a similar level of purity when compared with Neulasta(R). Preclinical pharmacodynamic and toxicology studies are currently scheduled to be initiated in the first half of 2008 with INS-20, and clinical studies are planned in the second half of 2008.

About Insmmed

Insmmed Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company with unique protein process development and manufacturing experience and a proprietary protein platform aimed at niche markets with unmet medical needs. For more information, please visit www.insmmed.com. To be added to Insmmed's investor lists, please contact Haris Tajyar at htajyar@irintl.com or at 818-382-9702.

Forward-Looking Statements

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