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RedHill Biopharma Announces Confirmatory Phase III Study Initiated with RHB-105 (TALICIA™) for *H. pylori* Infection

- | **Subject to a successful outcome and any additional regulatory feedback, the confirmatory Phase III study (ERADICATE Hp 2) is expected to complete the package required for a potential U.S. NDA for RHB-105, newly branded as TALICIA™**
- | **The two-arm, randomized, double-blind, active comparator, confirmatory Phase III study is planned to enroll 444 non-investigated dyspepsia patients with confirmed *H. pylori* infection in up to 65 clinical sites in the U.S., with a primary endpoint of eradication of *H. pylori* infection at 42 through 70 days after initiation of treatment**
- | **The first Phase III study with TALICIA™ (RHB-105) (ERADICATE Hp) successfully demonstrated 89.4% efficacy in eradicating *H. pylori* infection ($p < 0.001$), supporting the potential superior efficacy of TALICIA™ (RHB-105) over current standard-of-care (SoC) therapies**
- | **TALICIA™ (RHB-105) was granted QIDP designation™ by the FDA under the GAIN Act, including Fast-Track development, NDA Priority Review and extended U.S. market exclusivity, for a total of eight years**
- | ***H. pylori* bacterial infection is a major cause of chronic gastritis, peptic ulcer disease, gastric cancer and mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma and is estimated to affect over half of the adult population worldwide**
- | **The World Health Organization (WHO) recently published a global priority list of 12 life-threatening multidrug-resistant bacteria, in which *H. pylori* infection was classified in group 2 high-priority bacteria for which new treatments are urgently needed**
- | **The 2015 global and U.S. market potential for *H. pylori* eradication therapies at current branded prices, were estimated at approximately \$4.83 billion and \$1.45 billion, respectively**

TEL-AVIV, Israel and RALEIGH, N.C., June 15, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (NASDAQ:RDHL) (Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange:RDHL) ("RedHill" or the "Company"), a specialty biopharmaceutical company primarily focused on the development and commercialization of late clinical-stage, proprietary, orally-administered, small molecule drugs for gastrointestinal and inflammatory diseases and cancer, today announced the initiation of a confirmatory Phase III study with RHB-105, newly branded as TALICIA™¹, for the treatment of *H. pylori* infection (the ERADICATE Hp 2 study).

TALICIA™ (RHB-105) is a proprietary, fixed-dose, oral combination therapy of two antibiotics and a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) in an all-in-one oral capsule for the eradication of *H. pylori* infection.

The two-arm, randomized, double-blind, active comparator confirmatory Phase III ERADICATE Hp 2 study will compare TALICIA™ (RHB-105) against a dual therapy amoxicillin and omeprazole regimen at equivalent doses. The study is planned to enroll 444 non-investigated dyspepsia patients with confirmed *H. pylori* infection in up to 65 clinical sites in the U.S. Subjects will be randomized in a 1:1 ratio to receive four capsules, three times daily, of either TALICIA™ (RHB-105) or the active comparator, for a period of 14 days. Subjects will be assessed for the study's primary endpoint of eradication of *H. pylori* infection at 42 through 70 days after initiation of treatment.

Subject to its successful outcome and any additional regulatory feedback, the confirmatory Phase III study, along with the results from the successfully completed first Phase III study with TALICIA™ (RHB-105) (the ERADICATE Hp study) and data from the completed supportive PK program, are expected to support a potential U.S. New Drug Application (NDA) for TALICIA™ (RHB-105).

The first Phase III study with TALICIA™ (RHB-105) successfully met its protocol-defined mITT primary endpoint of superiority

over historical standard-of-care (SoC) eradication rate of 70%, with high statistical significance ($p < 0.001$). The study results demonstrated 89.4% efficacy in eradicating *H. pylori* infection with TALICIA™ (RHB-105). Notably, the 89.4% efficacy in eradicating *H. pylori* infection with TALICIA™ (RHB-105) was also superior to subsequent open-label treatment with SoC therapies of patients in the placebo arm of the ERADICATE Hp study, which demonstrated 63% eradication rate in the mITT population ($p=0.006$), further supporting the potential efficacy of TALICIA™ (RHB-105) as a treatment for *H. pylori* infection. Treatment with TALICIA™ (RHB-105) appeared to be safe and well tolerated.

TALICIA™ (RHB-105) was granted Qualifying Infectious Disease Product (QIDP) designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), providing a Fast-Track development pathway, as well as NDA Priority Review status, potentially leading to a shorter NDA review time by the FDA, if filed. If approved, TALICIA™ (RHB-105) is entitled to receive, thanks to its QIDP status, an additional five years of U.S. market exclusivity, in addition to the standard exclusivity period, for a total of 8 years of U.S. market exclusivity.

RedHill is pursuing with TALICIA™ (RHB-105) an indication of first-line treatment of *H. pylori* infection, regardless of ulcer status, a significantly broader indication than current standard treatments for *H. pylori*, which are typically indicated only for patients with active or recent history of duodenal ulcer disease. If approved, TALICIA™ (RHB-105) may be the first *H. pylori* eradication therapy in the U.S. to target this broader indication, which would significantly expand the potential patient population for this drug candidate.

H. pylori bacterial infection is a major cause of chronic gastritis, peptic ulcer disease, gastric cancer and mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma. *H. pylori* infection is estimated to affect over half of the adult population worldwide². The growing resistance of the *H. pylori* bacteria to metronidazole and clarithromycin has resulted in increasing failure rates of current SoC for *H. pylori* eradication, reaching an estimated 30%³. Despite the strong unmet medical need, no new drug has been approved by the FDA for this indication in over a decade. The World Health Organization (WHO) recently published a global priority list of 12 life-threatening multidrug-resistant bacteria, in which *H. pylori* infection was classified as a high-priority bacteria for which new treatments are urgently needed⁴.

The 2015 global and U.S. market potential for *H. pylori* eradication therapies at branded prices, were estimated at approximately \$4.83 billion and \$1.45 billion, respectively, and could potentially grow with increasing awareness of the health risks associated with *H. pylori* infection and the benefits of its eradication⁵.

The confirmatory Phase III ERADICATE Hp 2 study with TALICIA™ (RHB-105) will be registered on www.ClinicalTrials.gov, a web-based service of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, which provides access to information on publicly and privately supported clinical studies.

About TALICIA™ (RHB-105):

RHB-105, newly branded as TALICIA™, is a new and proprietary fixed-dose oral combination therapy of two antibiotics and a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) in an all-in-one oral capsule with a planned indication for the treatment of *H. pylori* infection. *H. pylori* bacterial infection is a major cause of chronic gastritis, peptic ulcer disease, gastric cancer and mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma. A first Phase III study with TALICIA™ (RHB-105) (the ERADICATE Hp study) was completed in the U.S. with positive results. The study demonstrated an overall success rate of 89.4% in eradicating *H. pylori*, and met its protocol-defined primary endpoint of superiority in eradication of *H. pylori* infection over historical standard-of-care efficacy levels of 70%, with high statistical significance ($p < 0.001$). A confirmatory Phase III study (ERADICATE Hp 2 study) has been initiated in the U.S. Additional studies may be required, subject to FDA review. TALICIA™ (RHB-105) has been granted Qualifying Infectious Disease Product (QIDP) designation by the FDA, providing a Fast-Track development pathway, as well as NDA Priority Review status, potentially leading to a shorter NDA review time by the FDA, if filed. If approved, TALICIA™ (RHB-105) will also receive an additional five years of exclusivity, in addition to the standard exclusivity period, for a total of 8 years of U.S. market exclusivity.

About RedHill Biopharma Ltd.:

RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (NASDAQ:RDHL) (Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange:RDHL) is a specialty biopharmaceutical company headquartered in Israel, primarily focused on the development and commercialization of late clinical-stage, proprietary, orally-administered, small molecule drugs for the treatment of gastrointestinal and inflammatory diseases and cancer. RedHill promotes two gastrointestinal products in the U.S. - **Donnatal®**, a prescription oral adjunctive drug used in the treatment of IBS and acute enterocolitis, and **EnteraGam®**, a medical food intended for the dietary management, under medical supervision, of chronic diarrhea and loose stools. RedHill's clinical-stage pipeline includes: (i) **TALICIA™ (RHB-105)** - an oral combination therapy for the treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* infection with successful results from a first Phase III

study and an ongoing confirmatory Phase III study; (ii) **RHB-104** - an oral combination therapy for the treatment of Crohn's disease with an ongoing first Phase III study, a completed proof-of-concept Phase IIa study for multiple sclerosis and QIDP status for nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) infections; (iii) **BEKINDA[®] (RHB-102)** - a once-daily oral pill formulation of ondansetron with successful top-line results in a Phase III study for acute gastroenteritis and gastritis and an ongoing Phase II study for IBS-D; (iv) **RHB-106** - an encapsulated bowel preparation licensed to Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.; (v) **YELIVA[®] (ABC294640)** - a Phase II-stage, orally-administered, first-in-class SK2 selective inhibitor targeting multiple oncology, inflammatory and gastrointestinal indications; (vi) **MESUPRON** - a Phase II-stage first-in-class, orally-administered protease inhibitor, targeting pancreatic cancer and other solid tumors and (vii) **RIZAPORT[®] (RHB-103)** - an oral thin film formulation of rizatriptan for acute migraines, with a U.S. NDA currently under discussion with the FDA and marketing authorization received in two EU member states under the European Decentralized Procedure (DCP). More information about the Company is available at: www.redhillbio.com.

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¹ TALICIA[™] is an investigational new drug, not available for commercial distribution.

² Hunt, R. H., et al. "Helicobacter pylori in developing countries." World Gastroenterology Organisation Global Guidelines (2010): 1-15.

³ Malfertheiner P. *et al.* Management of *Helicobacter pylori* infection - the Maastricht IV/ Florence Consensus Report, Gut 2012;61:646-664.

⁴ WHO report - Global priority list of antibiotic-resistant bacteria to guide research, discovery, and development of new antibiotics: <http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/global-priority-list-antibiotic-resistant-bacteria/en/>

⁵ Jerry Rosenblatt, Ph.D., a member of RedHill's Advisory Board and Partner at Foster Rosenblatt, RedHill Biopharma press release: *RedHill Biopharma's Investor Webcast Forum Provides Update on the RHB-105 Phase III Program and Potential H. Pylori Eradication Market*, May 18, 2015.

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