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NewLink CEO to Participate in Panel Entitled "The Future of Immunotherapy; Key Phase III Trials to Watch"

AMES, Iowa, Feb. 22, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- NewLink Genetics (Nasdaq:NLNK) announced today that Dr. Charles Link, Chairman and CEO, will participate in a panel discussion at the 2012 RBC Capital Markets Global Healthcare Conference on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 11 a.m. Eastern time in New York, NY. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Jason Kantor and will include panelists from two other companies, Oncothyreon, Inc. and Vical, Inc. in addition to NewLink. The panel will focus on late stage Phase 3 clinical programs and is titled "The Future of Immunotherapy; Key Phase III Trials to Watch."

Event - RBC Capital Markets' Global Healthcare Conference

Moderator — Dr. Jason Kantor

New York Palace, New York, NY

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

11:00 a.m. EST

About NewLink Genetics Corporation

NewLink Genetics Corporation is a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing and commercializing novel immunotherapeutic products to improve cancer treatment options for patients and physicians. NewLink's portfolio includes biologic and small-molecule immunotherapy product candidates intended to treat a wide range of oncology indications. NewLink's product candidates are designed with an objective to harness multiple components of the innate immune system to combat cancer, either as a monotherapy or in combination with current treatment regimens, without incremental toxicity. NewLink's lead product candidate, HyperAcute Pancreas cancer immunotherapy is being studied in a Phase 3 clinical trial in surgically-resected pancreatic cancer patients (patient information is available at <http://www.pancreaticcancer-clinicaltrials.com>). This clinical trial is being performed under a Special Protocol Assessment with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. NewLink and its collaborators have completed patient enrollment for a Phase 1/2 clinical trial evaluating its HyperAcute Lung cancer immunotherapy product candidate for non-small cell lung cancer and a Phase 2 clinical trial for its HyperAcute Melanoma cancer immunotherapy product candidate. NewLink also is developing d-1-methyltryptophan, or D-1MT, a small-molecule, orally bioavailable product candidate from NewLink's proprietary indoleamine-(2, 3)-dioxygenase, or IDO, pathway inhibitor technology. Through NewLink's collaboration with the National Cancer Institute, NewLink is studying D-1MT in various chemotherapy and immunotherapy combinations in two Phase 1B/2 safety and efficacy clinical trials. For more information please visit www.linkp.com.

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