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## CombiMatrix Corporation Reports Second Quarter 2017 Financial and Operating Results

IRVINE, Calif., Aug. 03, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- CombiMatrix Corporation (NASDAQ:CBMX), a family health molecular diagnostics company specializing in DNA-based reproductive health and pediatric testing services, announces financial and operating results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017.

	Volumes				Revenues (in 000's)			
	Q2 '17	Q2 '16	# Δ	% Δ	Q2 '17	Q2 '16	\$ Δ	% Δ
Prenatal	310	302	8	2.6%	\$ 487	\$ 472	\$ 15	3.2%
Miscarriage analysis	1,095	901	194	21.5%	2,209	1,457	752	51.6%
PGS	343	200	143	71.5%	442	252	190	75.4%
Subtotal - reproductive health	1,748	1,403	345	24.6%	3,138	2,181	957	43.9%
Pediatric	549	497	52	10.5%	725	558	167	29.9%
Subtotal	2,297	1,900	397	20.9%	3,863	2,739	1,124	41.0%
FISH and karyotyping	790	880	(90)	(10.2%)	351	310	41	13.2%
Total - all tests	3,087	2,780	307	11.0%	4,214	3,049	1,165	38.2%
Royalties					27	58	(31)	(53.4%)
Total revenues					\$ 4,241	\$ 3,107	\$1,134	36.5%

	Volumes				Revenues (in 000's)			
	6 mo. '17	6 mo. '16	# Δ	% Δ	6 mo. '17	6 mo. '16	\$ Δ	% Δ
Prenatal	617	566	51	9.0%	\$ 997	\$ 794	\$ 203	25.6%
Miscarriage analysis	2,198	1,896	302	15.9%	4,246	3,079	1,167	37.9%
PGS	575	367	208	56.7%	750	473	277	58.6%
Subtotal - reproductive health	3,390	2,829	561	19.8%	5,993	4,346	1,647	37.9%
Pediatric	1,062	949	113	11.9%	1,332	1,058	274	25.9%
Subtotal	4,452	3,778	674	17.8%	7,325	5,404	1,921	35.5%
FISH and karyotyping	1,573	1,650	(77)	(4.7%)	648	575	73	12.7%
Total - all tests	6,025	5,428	597	11.0%	7,973	5,979	1,994	33.4%
Royalties					56	100	(44)	(44.0%)
Total revenues					\$ 8,029	\$ 6,079	\$1,950	32.1%

### Three Months Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

CombiMatrix reported total revenues for the second quarter of 2017 of \$4.2 million, a 36.5% increase from \$3.1 million for the second quarter of 2016. The increase in the second quarter of 2017 was driven by higher test volumes in the reproductive health and pediatric segments and improved reimbursement resulting in higher average revenue per test across all segments. Reproductive health diagnostic test revenues for the second quarter of 2017, which include prenatal, miscarriage analysis and preimplantation genetic screening (PGS) testing, increased 43.9% to \$3.1 million with testing volumes increasing 24.6% to 1,748 due to continued success in our commercialization strategy emphasizing the reproductive health diagnostic market.

Total operating expenses were \$4.6 million for the second quarter of 2017 compared with \$4.3 million for the prior-year comparable period. The increase was due primarily to higher cost of services expenses associated with increased testing volumes and increased general and administrative expenses associated with increased legal costs from merger-related activities, partially offset by lower sales and marketing expenses related to optimized headcount in the field. Gross margin improved to 63.1% for the second quarter of 2017 from 53.0% for the second quarter of 2016, driven primarily by improved average reimbursement per test reflected above as well as from cost containment strategies undertaken in recent periods.

Net loss for the second quarter of 2017 was \$370,000, or \$0.13 per share. This compares with a net loss for the second quarter of 2016 of \$1.2 million, or \$0.89 per share. The improvement in net loss was due primarily to the 36.5% increase in total revenues described above, coupled with improved gross margins.

## Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

CombiMatrix reported total revenues for the first six months of 2017 of \$8.0 million, a 32.1% increase from \$6.1 million for the first six months of 2016. The increase in total revenues for the first six months of 2017 was driven primarily by a 37.9% increase in miscarriage analysis diagnostic testing revenues due to continued success in our commercialization strategy emphasizing the reproductive health diagnostic market.

Operating expenses for the first six months of 2017 were \$8.9 million compared with \$8.8 million from the prior-year period, with the increase primarily due to higher cost of services resulting from increased testing volumes. Gross margin improved to 60.6% for the first six months of 2017 from 52.3% for the first six months of 2016.

Net loss for the first six months of 2017 was \$888,000, or \$0.31 per share, compared with \$4.4 million, or \$3.89 per share, for the first six months of 2016. The higher net loss in the 2016 period reflected one-time, non-cash charges of \$1.9 million related to deemed dividends from the issuance of Series F convertible preferred stock and warrants in the \$8.0 million public offering that closed on March 24, 2016. This increase was partially offset by the reversal of the \$890,000 Series E deemed dividend recognized in 2015 from the repurchase of those securities upon closing of the public offering, partially reduced by the \$656,000 deemed dividend paid to the Series E investors in February of 2016.

The Company reported \$3.0 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments as of June 30, 2017, compared with \$3.7 million as of December 31, 2016. The Company used \$112,000 and \$607,000 in cash to fund operating activities during the quarter and six months ending June 30, 2017, respectively, compared with \$0.9 million and \$2.5 million in cash to fund operating activities during the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively. The significant decrease in cash used to fund operating activities in the 2017 periods resulted primarily from improved cash reimbursement of \$3.8 million and \$7.2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, compared with \$3.0 million and \$5.4 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively.

## About CombiMatrix Corporation

CombiMatrix Corporation provides sophisticated molecular diagnostic solutions and comprehensive clinical support to foster the highest quality in patient care. CombiMatrix specializes in pre-implantation genetic diagnostics and screening, prenatal diagnosis, miscarriage analysis and pediatric developmental disorders, offering DNA-based testing for the detection of genetic abnormalities beyond what can be identified through traditional methodologies. Our testing focuses on advanced technologies, including single nucleotide polymorphism chromosomal microarray analysis, next generation sequencing, fluorescent in situ hybridization and high resolution karyotyping. Additional information about CombiMatrix is available at [www.combimatrix.com](http://www.combimatrix.com) or by calling (800) 710-0624.

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**COMBIMATRIX CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(In thousands, except share and per share information)  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues:				
Diagnostic services	\$ 4,214	\$ 3,049	\$ 7,972	\$ 5,979
Royalties	27	58	56	100
Total revenues	<u>4,241</u>	<u>3,107</u>	<u>8,028</u>	<u>6,079</u>
Operating expenses:				
Cost of services	1,632	1,432	3,140	2,851
Research and development	85	149	170	292
Sales and marketing	1,016	1,141	2,038	2,477
General and administrative	1,855	1,586	3,519	3,112
Patent amortization and royalties	25	25	50	50
Total operating expenses	<u>4,613</u>	<u>4,333</u>	<u>8,917</u>	<u>8,782</u>
Operating loss	<u>(372)</u>	<u>(1,226)</u>	<u>(889)</u>	<u>(2,703)</u>
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	5	8	11	12
Interest expense	(3)	(17)	(10)	(35)
Total other income (expense)	<u>2</u>	<u>(9)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(23)</u>
Net loss	<u>\$ (370)</u>	<u>\$ (1,235)</u>	<u>\$ (888)</u>	<u>\$ (2,726)</u>
Deemed dividend from issuing Series F convertible preferred stock and warrants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,877)
Deemed dividend paid for right to repurchase Series E convertible preferred stock	-	-	-	(656)
Deemed dividend from issuing and modifying Series E convertible preferred stock and warrants	-	-	-	890
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	<u>\$ (370)</u>	<u>\$ (1,235)</u>	<u>\$ (888)</u>	<u>\$ (4,369)</u>
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.89)	\$ (0.31)	\$ (2.43)
Deemed dividend from issuing Series F convertible preferred stock	-	-	-	(1.67)
Deemed dividend paid for right to repurchase Series E convertible preferred stock	-	-	-	(0.58)
Deemed dividend from issuing and modifying Series E convertible preferred stock	-	-	-	0.79
Basic and diluted net loss per share attributable to common stockholders	<u>\$ (0.13)</u>	<u>\$ (0.89)</u>	<u>\$ (0.31)</u>	<u>\$ (3.89)</u>

Basic and diluted weighted average  
common shares outstanding

2,915,303   1,382,019   2,838,521   1,122,975

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION:**

	<b>June 30, 2017</b>	<b>December 31, 2016</b>
Total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$ <u>3,022</u>	\$ <u>3,727</u>
Total assets	<u>8,119</u>	<u>8,478</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,167</u>	<u>1,984</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>5,952</u>	<u>6,494</u>

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