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## **CombiMatrix Appoints Molecular Diagnostics Veteran Dirk van den Boom, Ph.D. to its Board of Directors**

IRVINE, Calif., March 01, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- CombiMatrix Corporation (NASDAQ:CBMX), a family health molecular diagnostics company specializing in DNA-based reproductive health and pediatric testing services, announces that Dirk van den Boom, Ph.D., has joined the Company's Board of Directors, increasing Board membership to six.

"Dirk is a recognized leader in the development and commercialization of reproductive health diagnostics," said R. Judd Jessup, Chairman of CombiMatrix. "He brings a scientific perspective to the board along with a wealth of executive-level and strategic planning experience that will be invaluable as we build on our established position in this market. Dirk also shares our passion for providing high-quality test results that assist physicians and their patients in family health and planning, making him an ideal fit for our Board. We look forward to calling on Dirk's expertise and guidance, and we are delighted to welcome him to our Company."

Dr. van den Boom most recently served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of publicly traded molecular diagnostics company Sequenom, Inc., prior to that company's acquisition by Laboratory Corporation of America<sup>®</sup> (LabCorp<sup>®</sup>) in September 2016. During his 18 year tenure at Sequenom, he held positions of increasing responsibility including Chief Scientific and Strategy Officer; Executive Vice President, Research and Development; Chief Technology Officer; and Senior Vice President of Research and Development. Dr. van den Boom has co-authored more than 95 articles published in peer-reviewed journals and is inventor on more than 80 patents and patent applications. He received his Ph.D. in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology from the University of Hamburg.

### **About CombiMatrix Corporation**

CombiMatrix Corporation provides best-in-class 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.

### **Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995**

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*sales; rapid technological change in our markets; changes in demand for our future services; legislative, regulatory and competitive developments; general economic conditions; and various other factors. Further information on potential factors that could affect our financial results is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports of Form 10-Q, and in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason, except as required by law.*

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