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EnteroMedics Announces vBloc Therapy to be Presented by Keynote Speaker at Major International Obesity Conference

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 21, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- EnteroMedics Inc. (NASDAQ:ETRM), the developer of medical devices to treat obesity, metabolic diseases and other gastrointestinal disorders, today announced that Scott Shikora, M.D, F.A.C.S., F.A.S.M.B.S., the Company's Consulting Medical Director, Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School and Director of the Center for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, will present information about the Company's vBloc[®] Neurometabolic Therapy as part of a presentation on neuromodulation for the treatment of obesity. The presentation will take place at the upcoming XIX International Congress of Surgery for Obesity and Metabolic Diseases, June 28-July 1, Playa del Carmen, Mexico.



"It is an honor to present important information about the role of neuromodulation in the treatment of obesity at the XIX International Congress of Surgery for Obesity and Metabolic Diseases," said Dr. Shikora. "vBloc Therapy is the first and only anatomy-preserving, minimally invasive neuromodulation device which uses blocking therapy for the effective and safe treatment of obesity."

The vBloc System works to control sensations of hunger using a pacemaker-like device that is implanted under the skin during a safe, minimally invasive procedure that does not alter or remove any patient anatomy. The device can be adjusted to optimize patients' therapy needs and works to give the patient a sensation of fullness, empowering them to eat less, control their appetite, and lose weight. Studies have shown that vBloc Therapy produces meaningful weight loss in patients as well as meaningful improvements in related comorbidity factors, such as hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c), without the major lifestyle implications of traditional weight-loss surgeries.

"Obesity remains a serious health condition that, if left untreated, can have a significant negative impact on a person's livelihood as well as lead to additional medical issues including Type 2 diabetes and hypertension," said Dan Gladney, EnteroMedics' President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. "vBloc Therapy is a proven cutting-edge treatment that not only helps patients lose weight, but also provides a positive impact on these serious comorbid conditions. Presentations at major conferences provide valuable opportunities to educate bariatric surgeons on an international scale, showcasing the body of evidence accumulated on this novel approach for the treatment of obesity."

vBloc Therapy is approved for use in helping with weight loss in people aged 18 years and older who are obese, with a BMI of 40 to 45 kg/m², or a BMI of 35 to 39.9 kg/m² with a related health condition such as Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels or obstructive sleep apnea who have had a poor response to trying to lose weight under supervision in the last 5 years.

About EnteroMedics Inc.

EnteroMedics is a medical device company focused on the development and commercialization of technology to treat obesity and metabolic diseases. vBloc[®] Neurometabolic Therapy, delivered by an FDA-approved pacemaker-like device called the vBloc[®] System, is designed to help patients feel full and eat less by intermittently blocking hunger signals on the vagus nerve. EnteroMedics recently acquired the Gastric Vest System[™] through its acquisition of BarioSurg, Inc. The Gastric Vest is an investigational, minimally invasive, laparoscopically implanted medical device being studied for weight loss in morbidly obese patients. The device wraps around the stomach, emulating the effect of conventional weight-loss surgery, and enables gastric volume reduction without permanently changing patient anatomy.

Information about the vBloc® System and vBloc® Neurometabolic Therapy

You should not have an implanted vBloc® System if you have cirrhosis of the liver, high blood pressure in the veins of the liver, enlarged veins in your esophagus or a significant hiatal hernia of the stomach; if you need magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); if you have a permanently implanted, electrical medical device; or if you need a diathermy procedure using heat. The most common related adverse events that were experienced during clinical study of the vBloc System included pain, heartburn, nausea, difficulty swallowing, belching, wound redness or irritation, and constipation.

Talk with your doctor about the full risks and benefits of vBloc Therapy and vBloc System. For additional prescribing information, please visit www.enteromedics.com.

If you are interested in learning more about vBloc Neurometabolic Therapy, please visit www.vbloc.com or call 1-800-MY-VBLOC.

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