



Verastem to Ring The NASDAQ Stock Market Opening Bell Remotely From Headquarters in Cambridge, MA

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What:

Verastem, Inc. [VSTM], a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing drugs to treat breast and other cancers by targeting cancer stem cells, will ring The NASDAQ Stock Market Opening Bell in a special remote opening from the Verastem laboratories in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Christoph Westphal, M.D., Ph.D., Verastem Chairman and CEO, will ring the Opening Bell. The event will mark the first time that the NASDAQ is opened from the laboratories of a biopharmaceutical company.

Where:

Verastem — 215 First Street — Suite 440 — Cambridge, MA 02142

When:

Tuesday, May 22, 2012 — 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. ET

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Feed Information:

Fiber Line (Encompass Waterfront): 4463

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Webcast:

A live webcast of the NASDAQ Opening Bell will be available at:

<http://www.nasdaq.com/about/marketsitetowervideo.asx> or <http://social.nasdaqomx.com>.

Photos:

To obtain a hi-resolution photograph of the Market Open, please go to

http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite_events.stm and click on the market open of your choice.

About Verastem, Inc. [VSTM]:

Verastem, Inc. (Nasdaq:VSTM) is a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing drugs to treat breast and other cancers by targeting cancer stem cells. Cancer stem cells are an underlying cause of tumor recurrence and metastasis. For more information please visit www.verastem.com.

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