



VIVUS Comments on FDA Advisory Committee Panel Meeting on QNEXA(R) (phentermine/topiramate) Controlled Release Capsules for the Treatment of Obesity

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., July 15, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- VIVUS, Inc. (Nasdaq: VVUS) today announced that the Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) voted against the following question: "Based on the current available data, do you believe the overall benefit-risk assessment of PHEN/TPM (QNEXA) is favorable to support its approval for the treatment of obesity in individuals with a BMI \geq 30 kg/m² or \geq 27 kg/m² with weight-related co-morbidities?" The three co-morbidities included hypertension, diabetes and dyslipidemia.

The vote from the Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee is a recommendation. The FDA will take the Committee's recommendation into consideration during its review of the current application and will make a determination. The FDA may or may not follow the Committee's recommendation.

"We appreciate the Advisory Committee's recognition of obesity as a significant health crisis, and the challenges associated with the treatment of this disease," stated Leland Wilson, chief executive officer, VIVUS. "We are disappointed with the Advisory Committee's vote. While the final vote was close, and we are encouraged that the Committee recognized the efficacy demonstrated in the QNEXA clinical trials, we will work closely with the FDA leading up to our October 28, 2010 PDUFA date to address the labeling and safety questions raised during today's proceedings. We remain committed to patients living with obesity and weight-related disease."

Note to Investors

VIVUS will hold a conference call to discuss this update today, July 15, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time. You can listen to this call by dialing toll free 877-359-2916 or 224-357-2386. A 30-day archive of the call can be accessed at <http://ir.vivus.com/>.

To access the webcast of this event, please visit: VIVUS' Investors site at <http://ir.vivus.com/events.cfm>. Replay will also be available on demand from the website at the conclusion of the program.

About VIVUS

VIVUS is a biopharmaceutical company developing therapies to address obesity, sleep apnea, diabetes and male sexual health. The company's lead product in clinical development, QNEXA(R), has completed phase 3 clinical trials for the treatment of obesity and an NDA has been filed and accepted by the FDA, with an action date of October 28, 2010. QNEXA is also in phase 2 clinical development for the treatment of type 2 diabetes and obstructive sleep apnea. In the area of sexual health, VIVUS is in phase 3 development with avanafil, a PDE5 inhibitor being studied for the treatment of erectile dysfunction. MUSE (R) (alprostadil), a first generation therapy for the treatment of ED, is already on the market and generating revenue for VIVUS. For more information about the company, please visit www.vivus.com.

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