



Nektar Therapeutics' President and CEO, Howard W. Robin, to Present at the 29th Annual J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference in San Francisco, CA

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Nektar Therapeutics' (Nasdaq: NKTR) President and Chief Executive Officer, Howard W. Robin, is scheduled to present at the upcoming 29th Annual J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference in San Francisco at the Westin St. Francis Hotel on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. Pacific time.

The presentation will be accessible via a Webcast through a link posted on the Investor Relations, Events Calendar section of the Nektar website: <http://www.nektar.com>. This Webcast will be available for replay until February 12, 2011.

About Nektar

Nektar Therapeutics is a biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapeutics based on its PEGylation and advanced polymer conjugation technology platforms. Nektar has a robust R&D pipeline of potentially high-value therapeutics in oncology, pain and other areas. In the area of pain, Nektar has an exclusive worldwide license agreement with AstraZeneca for Nektar's oral NKTR-118 development program to treat opioid-induced constipation and its NKTR-119 development program for the treatment of pain without constipation side effects. The company has additional pain compounds in preclinical studies. In oncology, NKTR-102, a novel topoisomerase I-inhibitor, is being evaluated in Phase 2 clinical studies for the treatment of ovarian, breast and colorectal cancers. NKTR-105, a novel anti-mitotic agent, is in a Phase 1 clinical study in cancer patients with refractory solid tumors. NKTR-181, a novel mu-opioid analgesic molecule, is currently in IND-enabling studies and Nektar plans to begin Phase 1 clinical studies in the first part of 2011.

Nektar's technology has enabled nine approved products in the U.S. or Europe through partnerships with leading biopharmaceutical companies, including UCB's Cimzia(R) for Crohn's disease and rheumatoid arthritis, Roche's PEGASYS(R) for hepatitis C and Amgen's Neulasta(R) for neutropenia.

Nektar is headquartered in San Francisco California, with additional R&D operations in Huntsville, Alabama and Hyderabad, India. Further information about the company and its drug development programs and capabilities may be found online at <http://www.nektar.com>.

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