



Nektar Therapeutics (NKTR) President and Chief Executive Officer to Ring The NASDAQ Stock Market Closing Bell

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What:

Nektar Therapeutics (NKTR) will visit the NASDAQ MarketSite in New York City's Times Square.

In honor of the occasion, Howard Robin, President and Chief Executive Officer of Nektar Therapeutics (NKTR) will preside over the NASDAQ Closing Bell.

Where:

NASDAQ MarketSite - 4 Times Square - 43rd & Broadway - Broadcast Studio

When:

Tuesday, September 22nd 2009 at 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET

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Feed Information:

The Closing Bell is available from 3:50 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. on AMC-3/C-3 (ul 5985V; dl 3760H). The feed can also be found on Ascent fiber 1623. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Madden at (646) 441-5045.

Radio Feed:

An audio transmission of the Closing Bell is also available from 3:50 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. on uplink IA6 C band / transponder 24, downlink frequency 4180 horizontal. The feed can be found on Ascent fiber 1623 as well.

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Webcast:

A live webcast of the NASDAQ Closing Bell will be available at: <http://www.nasdaq.com/about/marketsitetowervideo.aspx>

Photos:

To obtain a high-resolution photograph of the Market Close, please go to http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite_events.stm and click on the market close of your choice.

About Nektar Therapeutics (NKTR):

Nektar Therapeutics is a biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapeutics based on its PEGylation and advanced polymer conjugation technology platforms. Nektar's technology and drug development expertise have enabled nine approved products in the U.S. or Europe for leading biopharmaceutical company partners, including UCB's Cimzia(R), Roche's PEGASYS (R) for hepatitis C and Amgen's Neulasta(R) for neutropenia. Nektar has created a robust pipeline of potentially high-value therapeutics to address unmet medical needs by leveraging and expanding its technology platforms to improve and enable molecules. Nektar is currently conducting clinical and preclinical programs in oncology, pain and other therapeutic areas. NKTR-102, PEGylated irinotecan, is currently in Phase 2 clinical studies in ovarian, breast and colorectal cancer. NKTR-105, PEGylated docetaxel, is currently in a Phase 1 clinical study in patients with refractory solid tumors.

Nektar is headquartered in San Carlos, 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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