



Orchard Therapeutics Appoints Industry Veteran Alicia Secor to its Board of Directors

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BOSTON and LONDON, Dec. 07, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Orchard Therapeutics (NASDAQ: ORTX), a leading commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to transforming the lives of patients with serious and life-threatening rare diseases through innovative gene therapies, today announced the appointment of Alicia Secor to its board of directors. Ms. Secor brings more than 25 years of life sciences leadership and commercial product expertise with a particular focus in rare disease and other areas of unmet need, most recently serving as president and chief executive officer at Juniper Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

"We are thrilled to welcome Alicia to our board of directors at this pivotal time in Orchard's development," said Mark Rothera, president and chief executive officer of Orchard. "Alicia's experience in leading product development from clinical trials to regulatory approvals and commercialization will be incredibly valuable to Orchard as we begin preparations for regulatory filings for our lead programs. We believe Alicia's strategic insights and dedication to patients will support our mission to transform the lives of patients with rare diseases as Orchard advances as a global leader in gene therapy."

From 2016 to 2018, Ms. Secor served as president and chief executive officer at Juniper Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a diversified public healthcare company where she led the successful turnaround strategy for the company resulting in a sale to Catalent, Inc. in August 2018. Prior to her role at Juniper, Ms. Secor held a number of leadership positions in the life sciences industry, including chief commercial officer at Zafgen Inc., senior vice president and chief operating officer at Synageva BioPharma Corp, and roles of increasing responsibility at Genzyme, including serving as vice president and general manager of the metabolic disease division, a business with multiple commercial products, including two orphan drugs. Ms. Secor is also a member of the board of directors at GW Pharmaceuticals, plc. and a board member of the Foundation for Prader-Willi Research. She received her B.S. in health administration from the University of New Hampshire and an MBA from Northeastern University.

"I am very pleased to join the Orchard board of directors at this exciting time," said Ms. Secor. "I look forward to working with Orchard's executive leadership team and board of directors to help bring the promise of transformative *ex vivo* lentiviral gene therapy to patients and families across multiple rare disease categories."

About Orchard

Orchard Therapeutics is a fully integrated commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to transforming the lives of patients with serious and life-threatening rare diseases through innovative gene therapies.

Orchard's portfolio of autologous *ex vivo* gene therapies includes Strimvelis, the first autologous *ex vivo* gene therapy approved by the European Medicines Agency for adenosine deaminase severe combined immunodeficiency (ADA-SCID). Additional programs for primary immune deficiencies, neurometabolic disorders and hemoglobinopathies include three advanced registrational studies for ADA-SCID, metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD) and Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome (WAS), clinical programs for X-linked chronic granulomatous disease (X-CGD) and transfusion dependent beta-thalassemia (TDBT), as well as an extensive preclinical pipeline.

Orchard currently has offices in the U.K. and the U.S., including London, San Francisco and Boston.

Forward-Looking Statements

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