Axsome Therapeutics Announces Closing of $9.5 Million Registered Direct Offering

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NEW YORK, Dec. 06, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Axsome Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ:AXSM), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapies for the management of central nervous system (CNS) disorders, today announced the closing of its previously announced registered direct offering. Pursuant to definitive purchase agreements entered into with certain institutional accredited investors in a registered direct offering priced at-the-market, Axsome sold 1,783,587 shares of its common stock and warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 1,783,587 shares of its common stock at a combined purchase price of $5.325 per share and related warrant.

The gross proceeds of the offering were approximately $9.5 million. Axsome intends to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund the clinical development of its next product candidate, AXS-07, its ongoing clinical programs, and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

Axsome believes that the net proceeds from this offering, together with its previous existing cash, will be sufficient to fund the company's anticipated operations, based on its current operating plans, into the fourth quarter of 2019.

The warrants have an exercise price of $5.25 per share, a term of 53 weeks and are immediately exercisable on the date of issuance. The offering closed on December 4, 2017.

H.C. Wainwright & Co. acted as the exclusive placement agent for the offering.

The securities were offered by Axsome pursuant to a "shelf" registration statement on Form S-3 that was filed and declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the base prospectus contained therein (File No. 333-214859). The offering of the securities was made only by means of a prospectus. A prospectus supplement and accompanying base prospectus relating to the securities offered was filed with the SEC on December 4, 2017. Copies of the final prospectus supplement and accompanying base prospectus may be obtained on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov or by contacting H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC at 430 Park Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10022, by phone at 646-975-6996 or e-mail at placements@hcwco.com.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

About Axsome Therapeutics, Inc.

Axsome Therapeutics, Inc. is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapies for the management of central nervous system (CNS) disorders for which there are limited treatment options. Axsome's product candidate portfolio includes four clinical-stage candidates, AXS-02, AXS-05, AXS-06, and AXS-07. AXS-05 is currently in a Phase 3 trial in treatment resistant depression (TRD) and a Phase 2/3 trial in agitation in patients with Alzheimer's disease (AD). AXS-02 is currently in Phase 3 trials in complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS) and knee osteoarthritis (OA) associated with bone marrow lesions (BMLs) with an additional Phase 3 trial planned in chronic low back pain (CLBP) associated with Modic changes (MCs). AXS-02, AXS-05, AXS-06, and AXS-07 are investigational drug products not approved by the FDA. For more information, please visit the company website at www.axsome.com. The company may occasionally disseminate material, nonpublic information on the company website.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in this press release are "forward-looking statements". We may, in some cases, use terms such as "predicts," "believes," "potential," "continue," "estimates," "anticipates," "expects," "plans," "intends," "may," "could," "might," "will," "should" or other words that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes to identify these forward-looking statements. In particular, the Company's statements regarding trends and potential future results are examples of such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements include risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to the success, timing and cost of our ongoing clinical trials and anticipated clinical trials for our current product candidates, including statements regarding the timing of initiation and completion of the trials, futility analyses and receipt of interim results; the timing of and our ability to obtain and maintain U.S. Food and Drug Administration or other regulatory authority approval of, or other action with respect to, our product candidates; the Company's ability to successfully defend its intellectual property or obtain the necessary licenses at a cost acceptable to the Company, if at all; the successful implementation of the Company's research and development programs and collaborations; the success of the Company's license agreements; the acceptance by the market of the Company's product candidates, if approved; and other factors, including general economic conditions and regulatory developments, not within the Company's control. The factors discussed herein could cause actual results and developments to be materially different from those expressed in or implied by such statements. The forward-looking statements are made only as of the date of this press release and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstance.

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