

Isis Pharmaceuticals to Present at the 31st Annual J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference

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CARLSBAD, Calif., Jan. 7, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ISIS), the leader in antisense therapeutics, today announced that management will present a company overview at the 31st Annual J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. PT in San Francisco, CA.

Isis plans to highlight recent activities at its JP Morgan presentation Wednesday including:

- Update on the Phase 1 ISIS-SMN_{Rx} study in which improvements in muscle function were observed in a number of children with spinal muscular atrophy
- Expansion of Isis' pipeline with the addition of three new development candidates, including the first drug to enter development under its collaboration with AstraZeneca, the third drug to enter development under its collaboration with GlaxoSmithKline and a new severe and rare disease drug Isis is developing on its own
- Phase 2/3 study for ISIS-TTR_{Rx} in patients with familial amyloid polyneuropathy ready to initiate

A live audio webcast of the presentation will be available on the "Investors & Media" section of the Company's Web site, www.isispharm.com. A replay will be available on the Isis Web site within 48 hours and will be archived for a limited time.

ABOUT ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Isis is exploiting its leadership position in antisense technology to discover and develop novel drugs for its product pipeline and for its partners. Isis' broad pipeline consists of 28 drugs to treat a wide variety of diseases with an emphasis on cardiovascular, metabolic, severe and rare diseases, and cancer. Isis' partner, Genzyme, plans to commercialize Isis' lead product, KYNAMRO, in the United States and Europe following regulatory approval. Isis' patents provide strong and extensive protection for its drugs and technology. Additional information about Isis is available at www.isispharm.com.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release includes forward-looking statements regarding Isis' business and the therapeutic potential of Isis' technologies and products in development. Any statement describing Isis' goals, expectations, financial or other projections, intentions or beliefs, including the planned commercialization of KYNAMRO, is a forward-looking statement and should be considered an at-risk statement. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, particularly those inherent in the process of discovering, developing and commercializing drugs that are safe and effective for use as human therapeutics, and in the endeavor of building a business around such drugs. Isis' forward-looking statements also involve assumptions that, if they never materialize or prove correct, could cause its results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Although Isis' forward-looking statements reflect the good faith judgment of its management, these statements are based only on facts and factors currently known by Isis. As a result, you are cautioned not to rely on these forward-looking statements. These and other risks concerning Isis' programs are described in additional detail in Isis' annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and its most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q, which are on file with the SEC. Copies of these and other documents are available from the Company.

In this press release, unless the context requires otherwise, "Isis," "Company," "we," "our," and "us" refers to Isis Pharmaceuticals and its subsidiaries.

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