

Soligenix Announces Recent Accomplishments And First Quarter 2017 Financial Results

PRINCETON, NJ – May 11, 2017 – Soligenix, Inc. (Nasdaq: SNGX) (Soligenix or the Company), a late-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing products to treat rare diseases where there is an unmet medical need, announced today its recent accomplishments and financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2017.

Christopher J. Schaber, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer of Soligenix stated, “We are pleased to have FDA protocol clearance of a pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial of SGX942 (dusquetide) for the treatment of oral mucositis in patients with head and neck cancer. Additionally, we are encouraged by the response received from the EMA that this same Phase 3 clinical study, if positive, would also be sufficient to establish the efficacy and safety of SGX942 in support of potential marketing authorization in Europe. We believe that the positive Scientific Advice outcome represents a significant step forward in our oral mucositis development program and has the potential to accelerate the registration timetable in Europe. Given the current timeline, we anticipate initiating this pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial in the second quarter of 2017.”

Dr. Schaber continued, “We also continue to actively enroll patients in our pivotal Phase 3 study in cutaneous T-cell lymphoma with SGX301 (synthetic hypericin), in which we expect data by the end of the year. In our Vaccines/BioDefense business segment, we are pleased with the efficacy results from our heat stable ricin vaccine, RiVax®, which has demonstrated significantly enhanced thermostability and 100% protection in preclinical ricin aerosol challenge models.”

Soligenix Recent Accomplishments:

- On February 22, 2017, the Company announced that its proprietary formulation of synthetic hypericin had been granted a European patent for the treatment of psoriasis. The issued patent, EP 2571507, Formulations and methods of treatment of skin conditions, complements the method of treatment claims covered by the previously issued US patent 6001882, Photoactivated hypericin and the use thereof.
- On February 2, 2017, the Company announced that SGX301 (synthetic hypericin) had been granted Promising Innovative Medicine (PIM) designation in the United Kingdom by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency for the treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. The PIM designation is the first step towards inclusion in the Early Access to Medicines Scheme which offers severely ill patients with life-threatening and seriously debilitating conditions the lifeline of trying ground-breaking new medicines much earlier than they would normally be accessible.
- On January 5, 2017, the Company announced it had received positive Scientific Advice from the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for the development of SGX942 (dusquetide) as a treatment for oral mucositis in patients with head and neck cancer receiving chemoradiation therapy. The Scientific Advice from the EMA indicates that a single, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multinational, Phase 3 pivotal study (IDR-OM-02), if successful, in conjunction with the Phase 2 dose-ranging study IDR-OM-01, is generally considered sufficient to support a marketing authorization application to the EMA for potential licensure in Europe.
- On January 3, 2017, the Company announced it had extended its development agreement with Emergent BioSolutions to implement a commercially viable, scalable production technology for the RiVax® drug substance antigen. The RiVax® project is being developed with up to a \$26 million contract award from National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

Financial Results – First Quarter Ended March 31, 2017

Soligenix’s revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 were \$1.3 million as compared to \$2.6 million for the prior year. Revenues included contracts with NIAID and Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) in support of the advanced development of the Company’s thermostabilization technology, ThermoVax®, combined with its ricin toxin vaccine RiVax®, as a medical countermeasure to prevent the effects of ricin exposure and OrbeShield® (oral beclomethasone 17,21 dipropionate) in the treatment of gastrointestinal acute radiation syndrome.

Soligenix’s basic net loss was \$1.7 million, or \$(0.32) per share, for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 as compared to \$1.1 million, or \$(0.37) per share for the same quarter of the prior year. Included in the net loss for the quarter ended March 31, 2016 is non-cash other income of \$0.8 million. This non-cash other income reflects the change in fair value of the liability related to warrants issued in the Company’s June 25, 2013 registered public offering and is not included in other income for the quarter ended March 31, 2017, as the warrant liability was reclassified to equity during the year ended December 31, 2016.

Research and development expenses were \$1.2 million as compared to \$1.4 million for the quarters ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The decrease is primarily a result of the completion of the Phase 2 trial of SGX942 for the treatment of oral mucositis in head and neck cancer patients during the first quarter of 2017 and the trial initiation costs incurred for the Phase 3 trial of SGX301 during the first quarter of 2016.

General and administrative expenses were \$0.8 million as compared to \$0.9 million for the quarters ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. This decrease is the result of a decrease in professional fees.

As of March 31, 2017, the Company's cash position was \$7.1 million.

About Soligenix, Inc.

Soligenix is a late-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing products to treat rare diseases where there is an unmet medical need. Our BioTherapeutics business segment is developing SGX301 as a novel photodynamic therapy utilizing safe visible light for the treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, our first-in-class innate defense regulator (IDR) technology, dusquetide (SGX942) for the treatment of oral mucositis in head and neck cancer, and proprietary formulations of oral beclomethasone 17,21-dipropionate (BDP) for the prevention/treatment of gastrointestinal (GI) disorders characterized by severe inflammation including pediatric Crohn's disease (SGX203) and acute radiation enteritis (SGX201).

Our Vaccines/BioDefense business segment includes active development programs for RiVax®, our ricin toxin vaccine candidate, OrbeShield®, our GI acute radiation syndrome therapeutic candidate and SGX943, our therapeutic candidate for antibiotic resistant and emerging infectious disease. The development of our vaccine programs incorporates the use of our proprietary heat stabilization platform technology, known as ThermoVax®. To date, this business segment has been supported with government grant and contract funding from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA).

For further information regarding Soligenix, Inc., please visit the Company's website at www.soligenix.com.

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