Entasis Therapeutics Appoints Dr. David Altarac as Chief Medical Officer

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Dr. Robin Isaacs to Retire at the End of the Year

WALTHAM, Mass., Oct. 30, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Entasis Therapeutics Holdings Inc. (NASDAQ: ETTX), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel precision antibacterials to treat serious drug-resistant infections, today announced the appointment of David Altarac, M.D., MPA as Chief Medical Officer, effective November 4, 2019. In conjunction, Robin Isaacs, M.D., who has served as the Company's Chief Medical Officer since July 2015, announced his plans to retire at the end of 2019. Dr. Isaacs will continue as an advisor to the Company as the Phase 3 programs move toward regulatory review.

Dr. Altarac is an industry leader in R&D across multiple therapy areas and is recognized as a strategic biopharmaceutical leader. Over the course of a 20+ year career, he has led multiple new drug approvals in major global markets as well as many product extensions in global emerging and secondary markets.

As Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Altarac will be responsible for leading clinical development for Entasis' lead programs, sulbactam-durlobactam and zoliflodacin, both of which are undergoing global Phase 3 trials. In addition, he will lead Medical Affairs, Pharmacovigilance, Quality and Regulatory Affairs. Dr. Altarac will also lead the advancement of ETX0282CPDP clinical development and the expansion of the Company's pipeline of pathogen-targeted antimicrobials.

Manos Perros, Chief Executive Officer, Entasis Therapeutics, said, "We are truly delighted to welcome David to the team. As our lead programs advance through late-stage development, David's broad expertise and experience in biopharmaceutical R&D will help drive our strategy and prepare for commercialization, while ensuring quality and patient safety. We thank Robin for his years of dedication, insightfulness, and expertise that drove forward our pathogen-targeted antibacterial programs and look forward to continuing to work with him in his new capacity."

Dr. Altarac added, "Entasis is spearheading a new model for antibiotic development and commercialization, making use of the latest technologies to deliver transformative treatments for patients with the highest unmet medical needs. I look forward to working closely with the team to translate ground-breaking science into meaningful new antimicrobials and to continue building our pipeline of innovative programs."

Prior to joining Entasis, Dr. Altarac was Senior Vice President and Head of Global Regulatory Affairs, Global Drug Safety and R&D Quality and Compliance at Shire. Prior to joining Shire, Dr. Altarac spent two years as VP, Regulatory Affairs at NeoStem and more than 13 years at Merck & Company, where he served on multiple senior leadership teams and held roles of increasing responsibility. David holds an M.D. degree from New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York, a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree from New York University, and a B.A. in Chemistry from the State University of New York at Binghamton, New York. He completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York.

About Entasis
Entasis is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of novel antibacterial products to treat serious infections caused by multidrug-resistant Gram-negative bacteria. Entasis' pathogen-targeted design platform has produced a pipeline of product candidates, including sulbactam-durlobactam (targeting *Acinetobacter baumannii* infections), zoliflodacin (targeting *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*), and ETX0282CPDP (targeting *Enterobacteriaceae* infections). Entasis is also using its platform to develop a novel class of antibiotics, non-β-lactam inhibitors of the penicillin-binding proteins (NBPs) (targeting Gram-negative infections). For more information, visit www.entasistx.com

Entasis Forward-Looking Statements
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