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## **Positive Bioavailability Studies of RedHill's BEKINDA(TM) to be Presented at the 2015 American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (ASCPT) Meeting**

- **The results from two positive bioavailability studies, previously reported by the Company, demonstrate the safety and tolerability of BEKINDA™ and support the European marketing application submitted for BEKINDA™ and the planned submission of a U.S. New Drug Application (NDA) for oncology support**
- **A European Marketing Authorization Application (MAA) for BEKINDA™ for oncology support is currently under review by the UK MHRA, with feedback expected during H2/2015**
- **Top-line results from the ongoing Phase III study with BEKINDA™ (RHB-102) for acute gastroenteritis and gastritis (the GUARD study) are expected in Q4/2015**

TEL-AVIV, Israel, March 2, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (Nasdaq:RDHL) (TASE:RDHL) ("RedHill"), an Israeli biopharmaceutical company primarily focused on late clinical-stage, proprietary, orally-administered drugs for inflammatory and gastrointestinal diseases, including gastrointestinal cancers, today reported the presentation of two posters at the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (ASCPT) 2015 Annual Meeting, to be held between March 3-7, 2015 in New Orleans. The posters describe two previously reported comparative bioavailability studies for BEKINDA™ (RHB-102), a proprietary, extended-release, once-daily oral pill formulation of the antiemetic drug ondansetron. RedHill is developing BEKINDA™ for the indications of gastroenteritis and gastritis as well as chemotherapy and radiotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting. The posters will be presented at the ASCPT meeting by the Canadian Contract Research Organization (CRO) who conducted the bioavailability studies for RedHill.

The first study compared the plasma levels of the active ingredient ondansetron after a dose of BEKINDA™ versus FDA-approved regimens of either Zofran® (ondansetron immediate release tablets) 8 mg given twice daily or as a single 24 mg dose (3 tablets). The randomized, crossover study in 18 healthy volunteers also assessed the accumulation of ondansetron in plasma after administering five consecutive daily doses of BEKINDA™ under fasting conditions, as well as the safety and tolerability of BEKINDA™. The results of the study demonstrated that the plasma levels of ondansetron after BEKINDA™ were similar or higher than the plasma levels after Zofran® 8 mg b.i.d, thus indicating that the efficacy of BEKINDA™ is at least as good as Zofran® 8 mg b.i.d. The study further demonstrated that the safety and tolerability of BEKINDA™ were similar to the safety profile of the FDA-approved regimens of ondansetron.

The second comparative bioavailability study evaluated the influence of food on the pharmacokinetics of BEKINDA™ in healthy volunteers. The randomized, crossover study demonstrated that, consistent with the commercially available Zofran® 8 mg immediate-release formulation, food delayed the absorption of BEKINDA™ and increased the maximal concentrations and extent of absorption of the ondansetron. Despite these increases, which are not expected to have clinical significance, the number and severity of adverse events were lower under fed conditions.

RedHill submitted a European Marketing Authorization Application (MAA) to the UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) in December 2014 seeking approval of BEKINDA™ for the indications of chemotherapy and radiotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting (CINV and RINV, respectively). The MAA was validated by the MHRA and RedHill expects to receive feedback during the second half of 2015. RedHill is also pursuing marketing approval for BEKINDA™ in the U.S. for CINV prevention. Following a pre-NDA with the FDA, and in light of the FDA's feedback, RedHill intends to use post-marketing data, along with data generated from prior studies, to further support a potential New Drug Application (NDA) in the U.S.

RedHill is pursuing an additional indication for BEKINDA™, as a treatment for acute gastroenteritis and gastritis - inflammations of the gastrointestinal tract which cause, among other symptoms, nausea and vomiting. A Phase III clinical study with BEKINDA™ is ongoing in the U.S. for this indication (the GUARD study), with top-line data expected during the fourth quarter of 2015. If approved for marketing for the treatment of acute gastroenteritis and gastritis, BEKINDA™ could become the first-ever 5-HT3 antiemetic drug approved for this indication, targeting an annual potential worldwide market estimated to exceed \$650 million<sup>1</sup>.

**About RedHill Biopharma Ltd.:**

RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (Nasdaq:RDHL) (TASE:RDHL) is an emerging Israeli biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and acquisition of late clinical-stage, proprietary, orally-administered drugs for the treatment of inflammatory and gastrointestinal diseases, including gastrointestinal cancers. RedHill's current pipeline of proprietary products includes: (i) **RHB-105** - an oral combination therapy for the treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* infection, with an ongoing first Phase III study; (ii) **RHB-104** - an oral combination therapy for the treatment of Crohn's disease, with an ongoing first Phase III study; (iii) **BEKINDA™ (RHB-102)** - a once-daily oral pill formulation of ondansetron with a Phase III study in the U.S. for acute gastroenteritis and gastritis and a European marketing application for chemotherapy and radiotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting submitted in December 2014; (iv) **RHB-106** - an encapsulated formulation for bowel preparation licensed to Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.; (v) **MESUPRON®** - a Phase II-stage uPA inhibitor, administered by oral capsule, targeting gastrointestinal and other solid tumor cancers; (vi) **RP101** - currently subject to an option-to-acquire by RedHill, RP101 is a Phase II-stage Hsp27 inhibitor, administered by oral tablet, targeting pancreatic and other gastrointestinal cancers; (vii) **RIZAPORT™ (RHB-103)** - an oral thin film formulation of rizatriptan for acute migraines with a U.S. NDA currently under discussions with the FDA and a European marketing application submitted in October 2014; and (viii) **RHB-101** - a once-daily oral pill formulation of the cardio drug carvedilol. For more information please visit [www.redhillbio.com](http://www.redhillbio.com)

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<sup>1</sup> Graves S. Nancy, Acute Gastroenteritis, Prim Care Clin Office Pract 40 (2013) 727-741 and Company analysis.

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