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## RedHill Biopharma Provides Update on Planned NDA Filing for RHB-102 (Once Daily Anti-Emetic) in Q1 2014 and Commences PK Program

- **Following a Type B meeting with the FDA in February 2013, the Company commenced the first of two supplementary pharmacokinetic studies with RHB-102, with a second comparative bioavailability study planned to commence next month**
- **The Company expects to receive results from both studies by October 2013, and plans to file a New Drug Application (NDA) for RHB-102 in the first quarter of 2014, earlier than previously planned**
- **RHB-102 is a proprietary, extended release, once-daily oral formulation of ondansetron, a leading drug for the prevention of nausea and vomiting in cancer patients**

TEL-AVIV, Israel, July 11, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (Nasdaq:RDHL) (TASE:RDHL) (the "Company" or "RedHill"), an emerging Israeli biopharmaceutical company focused primarily on the development and acquisition of late clinical-stage, patent-protected, new formulations and combinations of existing drugs, reported that it had commenced dosing in the first of two supplementary pharmacokinetic studies with RHB-102, a patent protected, oral, extended-release (24 hours) formulation of ondansetron. Ondansetron is the active ingredient in GlaxoSmithKline's Zofran® immediate release tablets for the prevention of radiotherapy induced nausea and vomiting (RINV) and chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting (CINV).

The supplementary pharmacokinetic studies follow a Type B meeting held with the FDA in February 2013. The first pharmacokinetic study, conducted in Canada, includes 14 healthy volunteers and is intended to assess the effect of food on the absorption of RHB-102. The Company also plans to initiate, in August 2013, a supplementary comparative bioavailability clinical study with RHB-102, with Zofran® immediate release tablets as the reference drug.

Based on the planned dosing schedule for the pharmacokinetic studies, the Company anticipates that the results of the studies will be available by October 2013. Subject to the results from the two studies and the required regulatory process, and in light of the data from prior successful studies with RHB-102, the Company plans to submit a New Drug Application (NDA) seeking U.S. marketing approval of RHB-102 in the first quarter of 2014, earlier than previously planned.

With significant potential advantages to cancer patients over the immediate release oral ondansetron tablets, including increased convenience of use, potential prevention of breakthrough emesis and the potential to enhance patient compliance and adherence, RHB-102 is targeting a considerable segment of the 5-HT<sub>3</sub> anti-emetic oncology support drug products' market, which was estimated to have sales exceeding \$900 million in 2012<sup>1</sup>.

**Gilead Raday, RedHill Biopharma's Senior VP Corporate and Product Development, commented:** "We are very pleased with the initiation of this pharmacokinetic study with RHB-102 and the planned initiation of the supplemental comparative bioavailability study next month. We hope that these studies will establish the necessary equivalence criteria that will allow us to proceed, earlier than previously planned, to a submission of a New Drug Application (NDA) for RHB-102, as a once daily alternative for the benefit of cancer patients suffering from nausea and vomiting."

### About RedHill Biopharma Ltd.:

RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (Nasdaq:RDHL) (TASE:RDHL) is an emerging Israeli biopharmaceutical company focused primarily on the development and acquisition of late clinical-stage, patent-protected, new formulations and combinations of existing drugs. The Company's current product pipeline includes: (i) **RHB-101** - a once-daily formulation of a leading congestive heart failure and high blood pressure drug, with a planned NDA submission subject to further CMC and PK work, and a planned Marketing Authorization Application (MAA) in Europe subject to further CMC work, (ii) **RHB-102** - a once-daily formulation of a leading chemotherapy and radiotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting prevention drug, planned for U.S. NDA submission in the first quarter of 2014, (iii) **RHB-103** - an oral thin film formulation of a leading drug for the treatment of acute migraine, with a U.S. NDA accepted for review by the FDA in June 2013 and a PDUFA date of February 3, 2014, (iv) **RHB-104** - a combination therapy for the treatment of Crohn's disease, planned to commence a first Phase III trial in the third quarter of 2013, as well as Multiple Sclerosis (MS), with Phase IIa proof of concept trial currently underway, (v) **RHB-105** - a combination therapy for *Helicobacter pylori* infection, planned to commence a phase II/III trial in the third quarter of 2013, and (vi) **RHB-106** - an encapsulated formulation for bowel preparation (laxative) ahead of colonoscopy and other GI procedures. For more information please visit: [www.redhillbio.com](http://www.redhillbio.com)

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<sup>1</sup> EvaluatePharma 2013, 5-HT3 (serotonin) antagonist, Worldwide sales by pharmacological class

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