

XBiotech Added to NASDAQ Biotechnology Index

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AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 06, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- XBiotech (NASDAQ:XBIT), developer of True HumanTM therapeutic antibodies, announced today that the company was selected for addition to the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (NASDAQ:NBI), effective December 21, 2015.

The Index is designed to track the performance of a set of NASDAQ-listed securities that are classified as either biotechnology or pharmaceutical according to the Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB). These companies must meet eligibility requirements, including minimum market capitalization, average daily trading volume, seasoning as a public company, and other criteria. The index is re-ranked annually and serves as the basis for the iShares NASDAQ Biotechnology Index Fund.

For more information about the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index, including eligibility criteria, visit https://indexes.nasdagomx.com/.

About XBiotech

XBiotech is pioneering the discovery and development of targeted antibodies based on its True HumanTM technology. The company's mission is to rethink the way antibody medicines are discovered and commercialized by advancing its robust pipeline of human antibodies for treating serious diseases such as cancer, inflammatory conditions and infectious diseases. XBiotech's lead product, XilonixTM, is a potential breakthrough antibody therapy that is currently the subject of two pivotal clinical studies for treating patients with advanced colorectal cancer. Xilonix specifically targets and neutralizes interleukin-1 alpha (IL-1a), a molecule known to promote angiogenesis, growth and spread of tumors, as well as mediate symptoms such as metabolic dysregulation, fatigue and anxiety associated with advanced cancer. XBiotech's True Human antibodies are cloned directly from individual donors who possess natural immunity against certain diseases. For more information, visit <u>www.xbiotech.com</u>.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements, including declarations regarding management's beliefs and expectations, that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "would," "could," "expects," "plans," "contemplate," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "projects," "intend" or "continue" or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Forward-looking statements are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties are subject to the disclosures set forth in the "Risk Factors" section of certain of our SEC filings. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and our actual results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate, may differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this press release. Any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date of this press release.

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