Gemphire Therapeutics to Participate in the Canaccord Genuity Rare Disease and Biopharma 1 on 1 Day and the RBC Capital Markets Global Healthcare Conference

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LIVONIA, Mich., Feb. 02, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Gemphire Therapeutics Inc. (NASDAQ:GEMP), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing therapies for the treatment of dyslipidemia and NAFLD/NASH, today announced that its senior management team will participate in two investor conferences in New York City during the month of February.

Mina Sooch, President and CEO, will be attending the Canaccord Genuity Rare Disease and Biopharma 1x1 Day and will be available to meet investors on Tuesday, February 7 at the InterContinental Barclay, New York. In the ultra-orphan homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH) patient population, Gemphire recently announced interim data on the LDL-C primary endpoint from the ongoing open label Phase 2b COBALT-1 trial. The data, on two genetically confirmed HoFH patients, showed that gemcabene 600mg decreased mean LDL-C by 28% on top of maximum statin lipid-lowering therapy. The slide presentation used during the Canaccord Genuity conference will be posted to the Gemphire corporate website on February 7.

Ms. Sooch will also be presenting at the RBC Capital Markets Global Healthcare Conference on Thursday, February 23, at 8.30am Eastern Time at the New York Palace Hotel. The presentation will be in a “Fireside Chat” format. An audio webcast of the RBC event will be broadcast simultaneously on the News & Events section of the Gemphire website for all interested parties, and will be archived and available for 90 days.

About Gemcabene
Gemphire’s product candidate, gemcabene (CI-1027), is a first-in-class, once-daily, oral therapy that may be suitable for patients who are unable to achieve normal levels of LDL-C or triglycerides with currently approved therapies, primarily statins. Gemcabene's mechanism of action is designed to enhance the clearance of very low-density lipoproteins (VLDLs) in the plasma and inhibit the production of cholesterol and triglycerides in the liver. The combined effect for these mechanisms has been clinically observed to result in a reduction of plasma VLDL-C, LDL-C, and triglycerides. In addition, gemcabene has been shown to markedly lower C-reactive protein. Gemcabene is liver-directed and reduces apoC-III mRNA and plasma levels. Gemcabene also reduces acetyl-CoA carboxylase (ACC) and CCR2/CCR5 receptor mRNA levels, which may have applications in non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)/non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD). Gemcabene has demonstrated proof of concept efficacy in the STAM™ model for NASH developed at SMC Laboratories in Tokyo, Japan. Gemcabene has been tested as monotherapy and in combination with statins and other drugs in 895 subjects across 18 Phase 1 and Phase 2 clinical trials and has demonstrated promising evidence of efficacy, safety and tolerability.

About Gemphire
Gemphire is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing therapies for the treatment of dyslipidemia, a serious medical condition that increases the risk of life threatening cardiovascular diseases, and NAFLD/NASH. Gemphire has initiated 3 clinical trials for HoFH, heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)/atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD), and severe hypertriglyceridemia (SHTG) under NCT02722408, NCT02634151, and NCT02944383, respectively. Please visit www.gemphire.com for more information.

Forward Looking Statements
Any statements in this press release about Gemphire’s future expectations, plans and prospects, including statements about Gemphire’s financial prospects, future operations and sufficiency of funds for future operations, clinical development of Gemphire’s product candidate, expectations regarding future clinical trials and future expectations and plans and prospects for Gemphire, and other statements containing the words "believes," "anticipates," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "predicts," "projects," "targets," "may," "potential," "will," "would," "could," "should," "continue," “scheduled” and similar expressions, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private

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