Bellicum Announces New Director, Executive Management Appointments

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Houston, TX, December 5, 2014 – Bellicum Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing novel cellular immunotherapies, today announced the appointment of a new Director and two senior executives to its management team.

Jon P. Stonehouse has been elected to Bellicum's Board of Directors. Jon currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Alan Musso has been appointed as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. He was most recently Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration, CFO and Treasurer, at Targacept, Inc.

Peter Hoang has joined as Senior Vice President, Business Development and Strategy. Peter formerly headed the new venture formation and development effort for The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

"We're excited and fortunate to have these three highly accomplished professionals join our team," commented Bellicum's President and CEO Tom Farrell. "We look forward to their respective contributions as we advance our pipeline of innovative controlled cellular therapies for indications in oncology and orphan blood diseases."

Jon P. Stonehouse, elected to Bellicum's Board of Directors, has been a pharmaceutical executive for more than 20 years. He has strong commercialization, financial transaction, business development and management expertise. Prior to becoming CEO of BioCryst in January of 2007, he served as Senior Vice President of Corporate Development at Merck KGaA. Among his accomplishments, he was responsible for leading the effort to develop a strategy for Merck that significantly changed the company, culminating in the 2007 acquisition of Serono, S.A., the largest biotechnology company in Europe at that time.

Alan Musso, appointed as Bellicum's CFO and Treasurer, has over 25 years of biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry experience in both large and emerging growth companies, including capital raising, corporate partnering, finance, strategy and the financial stewardship of publicly-traded companies. Prior to being CFO at Targacept, Inc., he began his career working in the public accounting field at KPMG and later held positions of increasing responsibility with Pfizer. Mr. Musso received a B.S. in Accounting from Saint Mary's College of California, and a master's degree from the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona.

Peter Hoang, appointed as Bellicum's Senior Vice President, Business Development and Strategy, has over 18 years of finance and deal making experience in investment banking and venture capital. Prior to heading new venture formation and development at MD Anderson, he was a senior investment banker, most recently leading healthcare mergers & acquisitions advisory for CIT Group. He has also served in the M&A departments at Oppenheimer, J.P. Morgan, Merrill Lynch and Deutsche Bank. He earned high honors distinction with an M.B.A. from the Anderson School of Management at UCLA and a B.A. from Yale University.

About Bellicum Pharmaceuticals

Bellicum is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing novel cellular immunotherapies for various forms of cancer, including hematological cancers and solid tumors, as well as orphan inherited blood disorders. The Company is using its proprietary Chemical Induction of Dimerization, or CID, technology platform to engineer and control components of the immune system in real time. The Company is developing next-generation product candidates in some of the most important areas of cellular immunotherapy, including hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, or HSCT, CAR T cell therapy, and dendritic cell vaccines. For more information, please visit www.bellicum.com