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Aastrom to Hold Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 7, 2014

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 2, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aastrom Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:ASTM), the leading developer of patient-specific, expanded multicellular therapies for the treatment of severe, chronic cardiovascular diseases, today announced that the company will hold its annual shareholders meeting on May 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) at the company headquarters in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Shareholders of record as of March 11, 2014 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

The meeting will be available live in the Investors section of the Aastrom website at http://investors.aastrom.com/events.cfm.

Please access the site at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time in order to download any required audio software if necessary. The meeting will also be available for replay on the Aastrom website until May 7, 2015.

About Aastrom Biosciences

Aastrom Biosciences is the leader in developing patient-specific, expanded multicellular therapies for use in the treatment of patients with severe, chronic cardiovascular diseases. The company's proprietary cell-processing technology enables the manufacture of ixmyelocel-T, a patient-specific multicellular therapy expanded from a patient's own bone marrow and delivered directly to damaged tissues. Aastrom has advanced ixmyelocel-T into late-stage clinical development, including a Phase 2b clinical trial in patients with ischemic dilated cardiomyopathy. For more information, please visit Aastrom's website at www.aastrom.com.

The Aastrom Biosciences, Inc. logo is available at http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=3663

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