



## **Aastrom Biosciences Reports First Quarter 2011 Financial Results and Corporate Developments**

### **Conference Call Today at 4:30 PM ET**

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 16, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aastrom Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:ASTM), a leading developer of patient-specific, expanded multi-cellular therapies for the treatment of severe, chronic cardiovascular diseases, today reported financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2011, and provided an update on corporate developments.

"Over the past several months, Aastrom has increased exposure to US and European investors and analysts, supported late stage clinical development with a fully validated manufacturing partner, and bolstered our intellectual property estate for a proprietary cellular therapy product derived from our technology," stated Timothy Mayleben, president and CEO of Aastrom Biosciences.

### **Anticipated Corporate Developments in 2011**

- Report final top-line results from the Phase 2b RESTORE-CLI clinical trial in patients with critical limb ischemia (CLI). This will be the final 12-month follow-up report on all patients who participated in this study, which the company plans to submit for presentation at a major medical conference later this year. This report is expected by the end of the second quarter.
- Finalize a special protocol assessment (SPA) application to begin the first of two proposed Phase 3 clinical studies of ixmyelocel-T in patients with CLI. The SPA is expected to be completed and submitted to the FDA in the second quarter.
- Report and present the final 12-month results from the Phase 2 dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) surgical study in the third quarter.
- Announce 6-month results from the Phase 2 DCM catheter study in the third quarter.

### **First Quarter 2011 Financial Results**

As of March 31, 2011, the company had \$24.6 million in cash and cash equivalents, compared to \$31.2 million in cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2010.

Research and development expenses for the quarter were \$4.4 million versus \$2.9 million for the same period a year ago. The increase in R&D expenses was primarily attributable to advanced preparation related to the Phase 3 clinical program for ixmyelocel-T, including increased employee costs, clinical site identification and set-up, as well as regulatory expenses.

General and administrative expenses for the quarter were \$1.9 million compared to \$1.4 million for the same period a year ago. The increase in G&A expenses is primarily due to expenses associated with the previously announced restatement of the company's historical financial results, as well as consulting and employee-related expenses.

Aastrom had other income of \$1.3 million compared to \$1.6 million for the same period a year ago. The majority of this income for both quarters relates to non-cash changes in the fair value of our outstanding warrants. The change in the fair value of the warrants was primarily due to fluctuations in the market value of Aastrom's common stock during these periods.

Net loss for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, was \$5.0 million, or \$0.13 per share, compared to a net loss of \$2.7 million, or \$0.10 per share, for the same period a year ago.

At March 31, 2011, Aastrom had 38.6 million shares outstanding.

### **Aastrom Conference Call Information**

Aastrom's management will host a conference call to discuss these results at 4:30 p.m. (ET) today. Interested parties should call toll-free (877) 312-5881, or from outside the U.S. (253) 237-1173 and use conference ID 64380457. The call will be available live in the Investors section of Aastrom's website at <http://www.aastrom.com/investor.cfm>. A replay of the call will be available by calling (800) 642-1687, or from outside the U.S. at (706) 645-9291 and using conference ID 64380457.

## About Aastrom Biosciences

Aastrom Biosciences is developing patient-specific, expanded multi-cellular therapies for use in the treatment of severe, chronic cardiovascular diseases. The company's proprietary cell-processing technology enables the manufacture of ixmyelocel-T, mixed-cell therapies 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 planned Phase 3 clinical program for the treatment of patients with critical limb ischemia and two ongoing Phase 2 clinical trials in patients with dilated cardiomyopathy. For more information, please visit Aastrom's website at [www.aastrom.com](http://www.aastrom.com).

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

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### AASTROM BIOSCIENCES, INC.

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

	December 31, 2010	March 31, 2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$31,248	\$24,621
Other current assets	451	457
Property and equipment, net	1,128	1,153
Total assets	<u>\$32,827</u>	<u>\$26,231</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>		
Warrant liabilities	\$25,954	\$24,700
Other current liabilities	3,910	2,934
Long-term debt	41	43
Shareholders' equity (deficit)	2,922	(1,446)
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity (deficit)	<u>\$32,827</u>	<u>\$26,231</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2010	2011
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$ --	\$9
<b>COSTS AND EXPENSES</b>		
Cost of product sales and rentals	--	2
Research and development	2,845	4,372

Selling, general and administrative	<u>1,418</u>	<u>1,895</u>
Total costs and expenses	<u>4,263</u>	<u>6,269</u>
<b>LOSS FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>(4,263)</u>	<u>(6,260)</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>		
Decrease in fair value of warrants	1,559	1,254
Other income, net .	<u>25</u>	<u>18</u>
Total other income	<u>1,584</u>	<u>1,272</u>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<u><u>\$ (2,679)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (4,988)</u></u>
<b>NET LOSS PER SHARE (Basic and Diluted)</b>	<u><u>\$ (0.10)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (0.13)</u></u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding (Basic and Diluted)	<u><u>26,737</u></u>	<u><u>38,617</u></u>

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