Tricida Announces First Quarter 2022 Financial Results

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Webcast Today at 4:30 pm Eastern Time

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 10, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Tricida, Inc. (Nasdaq: TCDA) announced today financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and provided an update on key initiatives.

Business Update

- Tricida continued to execute on the conduct of the VALOR-CKD renal outcomes clinical trial. Enrollment of patients in the VALOR-CKD trial was completed at the end of 2021 with 1,480 subjects randomized. As of May 9, 2022, randomized subjects had an average treatment duration of approximately 25 months, and the trial had accrued 233 subjects with positively adjudicated primary endpoint events, defined as renal death, end-stage renal disease (ESRD), or greater than or equal to 40% reduction in estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR).

Upcoming Milestone

- Tricida previously reported that based on its financial runway it intends to stop the VALOR-CKD trial early for administrative reasons in the second quarter of 2022, with continued accrual of primary endpoint events into the third quarter of 2022. Based on the current event rate trend, Tricida anticipates there will be 250 to 270 subjects with positively adjudicated primary endpoint events in the final analysis. The reporting of top-line results from the VALOR-CKD trial is anticipated to occur early in the fourth quarter of 2022, which would allow for approximately six months of financial runway following the announcement.

“We have seen a steady increase in primary endpoint events in the VALOR-CKD trial and continue to believe that we will obtain interpretable data to evaluate how treatment with veverimer impacts slowing of CKD progression in patients with metabolic acidosis and CKD,” said Gerrit Klaerner, Ph.D., Tricida’s Chief Executive Officer and President.

Financial Results for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2022

Research and development expense was $18.5 million and $32.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The decrease in research and development expense for the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to the prior year was primarily due to decreased activities in connection with our veverimer clinical development program related to the manufacturing of drug substance and other clinical development costs.

General and administrative expense was $9.2 million and $9.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The decrease in general and administrative expense for the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to the prior year was primarily due to lower legal and consulting fees.

Net loss was $29.6 million (non-GAAP net loss of $22.9 million) and $53.4 million (non-GAAP net loss of $38.3 million) for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Net loss per basic and diluted share was $0.51 and $1.06 for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

As of March 31, 2022, cash, cash equivalents and investments were $123.7 million.

Financial Guidance

Tricida currently has the financial resources to fund its planned operations into early in the second quarter of 2023, which is anticipated to be approximately six months from the announcement of its top-line results for the VALOR-CKD trial.

Tricida Conference Call Information

Tricida will host its First Quarter Financial Results and Business Update Conference Call and webcast today at 4:30 pm Eastern Time. The webcast or conference call may be accessed as follows:

Tricida First Quarter Financial Results Conference Call
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
4:30 pm Eastern Time

Webcast:	IR.Tricida.com
Dial-in:	**(877) 377-5478**
International:	(629) 228-0740
Conference ID:	**1650033**

A replay of the webcast will be available on Tricida’s website approximately two hours following the completion of the call and will be available for up to

90 days following the presentation.

About Tricida

Tricida, Inc. is a pharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of its investigational drug candidate, veverimer, a non-absorbed, orally-administered polymer designed to slow CKD progression in patients with metabolic acidosis and CKD. Tricida is currently conducting a renal outcomes clinical trial, VALOR-CKD, to determine if veverimer slows CKD progression in patients with metabolic acidosis associated with CKD. Metabolic acidosis is a condition commonly caused by CKD that is believed to accelerate the progression of kidney deterioration. It is estimated to pose a health risk to approximately 4.3 million patients with CKD in the United States. There are currently no therapies approved by the FDA to slow progression of kidney disease by correcting chronic metabolic acidosis in patients with CKD.

For more information about Tricida, please visit Tricida.com.

Cautionary Note on Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements relate to expectations concerning matters that are not historical facts. Words such as "projects," "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," "intends," "may," "will," "could," "should," "would," and similar words and expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, all of the statements under the heading "Upcoming Milestone" and other statements, including the Company's plans and expectations for the VALOR-CKD trial, including early termination of the trial, event accrual rates for the trial and the estimated timing for receipt of top-line data, and its expectations regarding financial runway. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, the Company's plans and expectations with regard to its interactions with the FDA, including the potential resubmission of an NDA for veverimer; the timing of the FDA's approval of veverimer, if at all; the Company's plans and expectations for its VALOR-CKD trial and future clinical and product development milestones; the Company's contractual and financial obligations to our key suppliers and vendors; the Company's financial projections and cost estimates; the Company's ability to raise additional funds; risks associated with the ongoing conflict in Ukraine; and risks associated with the Company's business prospects, financial results and business operations.

These and other factors that may affect the Company's future business prospects, results and operations are identified and described in more detail in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including the Company's most recent Annual Report filed on Form 10-K and the subsequently filed Quarterly Report(s) on Form 10-Q. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. Except as required by applicable law, the Company does not intend to update any of the forward-looking statements to conform these statements to actual results, later events or circumstances or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

(Financial Tables to Follow)

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Condensed Balance Sheets
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 17,712	$ 21,113
Short-term investments	106,014	119,419
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,269	5,004
Total current assets	127,995	145,536
Long-term investments	—	10,043
Property and equipment, net	688	769
Operating lease right-of-use assets	11,731	12,158
Total assets	$ 140,414	$ 168,506
Liabilities and stockholders' equity (deficit)		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 5,535	$ 10,023
Current operating lease liabilities	2,756	2,736
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	16,703	16,721
Total current liabilities	24,994	29,480
Convertible Senior Notes, net	194,894	127,512
Non-current operating lease liabilities	10,826	11,296
Total liabilities	230,714	168,288
Stockholders' equity (deficit):		
Preferred stock	—	—
Common stock	55	55

Additional paid-in capital	737,685	810,618
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(377)	(91)
Accumulated deficit	(827,663)	(810,364)
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)	(90,300)	218
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 140,414	$ 168,506

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Condensed Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	**2021**
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	$ 18,504	$ 32,175
General and administrative	9,170	9,895
Total operating expenses	27,674	42,070
Loss from operations	(27,674)	(42,070)
Other income (expense), net	8	445
Interest expense	(1,973)	(5,613)
Loss on early extinguishment of Term Loan	—	(6,124)
Net loss	(29,639)	(53,362)
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Net unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale investments, net of tax	(286)	(105)
Total comprehensive loss	$ (29,925)	$ (53,467)
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	$ (0.51)	$ (1.06)
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding, basic and diluted	57,718,979	50,247,698

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GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliations
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

A reconciliation between net loss on a GAAP basis and on a non-GAAP basis is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	**2021**
GAAP net loss, as reported	$ (29,639)	$ (53,362)
Adjustments:		
Non-cash operating lease costs	(24)	248
Accretion of Term Loan and Convertible Senior Notes	223	2,628
Loss on early extinguishment of Term Loan	—	6,124
Stock-based compensation	6,524	6,042
Changes in compound derivative liability	—	(202)
Restructuring costs	—	220
Total adjustments	6,723	15,060
Non-GAAP net loss	$ (22,916)	$ (38,302)

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We supplement our financial statements presented on a GAAP basis by providing additional measures which may be considered "non-GAAP" financial measures under applicable Securities and Exchange Commission rules. We believe that the disclosure of these non-GAAP financial measures provides our investors with additional information that reflects the amounts and financial basis upon which our management assesses and operates our business. These non-GAAP financial measures are not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and should not be viewed in isolation or as a substitute for reported, or GAAP, net loss and diluted earnings per share, and are not a substitute for, or superior to, measures of financial performance performed in conformity with GAAP.

"Non-GAAP net loss" is not based on any standardized methodology prescribed by GAAP and represents GAAP net loss adjusted to exclude (1) non-cash operating lease costs, (2) accretion of Term Loan and Convertible Senior Notes, (3) loss on early extinguishment of Term Loan, (4) stock-based compensation, (5) changes in compound derivative liability and (6) restructuring costs, in reconciling of our GAAP to Non-GAAP net

loss. Non-GAAP financial measures used by Tricida may be calculated differently from, and therefore may not be comparable to, non-GAAP measures used by other companies.

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