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pSivida's Medidur for Posterior Uveitis Granted Orphan Drug Designation in Europe

WATERTOWN, Mass., May 02, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- pSivida Corp. (NASDAQ:PSDV) (ASX:PVA), a leader in the development of sustained release drug delivery products for treating eye diseases, today announced that the European Commission granted orphan medicinal product designation to Medidur™ for the treatment of chronic non-infectious uveitis of the posterior of the eye (posterior uveitis).

"Receiving designation as an orphan drug is an important milestone in the development of Medidur. It underscores the need for the development of new therapy to treat this blinding eye disease," said Paul Ashton, PhD, president and CEO of pSivida.

Orphan drug designation provides up to 10 years of market exclusivity in Europe following marketing approval, access to the centralized marketing authorization procedure and other regulatory and financial incentives.

Following published EU regulatory guidance, pSivida plans to file for European marketing approval for Medidur for posterior uveitis based on the results from its first Phase 3 trial which met its primary efficacy endpoint with high statistical significance (p less than 0.0000001; intent to treat analysis) and achieved positive safety results.

About Medidur. Medidur is an injectable micro-insert designed to treat posterior uveitis. Injected into the back of the eye in an office procedure, it provides sustained release of 0.18 mg of the corticosteroid flucinolone acetonide at a controlled rate directly to the retina for three years.

About Posterior Uveitis. Posterior uveitis is a chronic, non-infectious inflammatory disease affecting the posterior segment of the eye, often involving the retina, which is a leading cause of blindness in the developed and developing countries. It afflicts people of all ages, producing swelling and destroying eye tissues, which can lead to severe vision loss and blindness. In the U.S., posterior uveitis affects approximately 175,000 people, resulting in approximately 30,000 cases of blindness and making it the third leading cause of blindness in the U.S.

Patients with posterior uveitis are typically treated with systemic steroids, but over time frequently develop serious side effects that can limit effective dosing. Patients then often progress to steroid-sparing therapy with systemic immune suppressants or biologics, which themselves can have severe side effects, including an increased risk of cancer. Medidur is designed to provide improved outcomes compared to standard of care, but with a significant reduction in side effects.

About Medidur Phase 3 Trials. pSivida is conducting two Phase 3 trials to assess the safety and efficacy of Medidur for the treatment of posterior uveitis. These are randomized, sham-controlled, double-masked trials. The primary endpoint of both trials is recurrence of posterior uveitis at six months, with patients in both trials followed for three years. The first Phase 3 Medidur trial, which is fully enrolled with 129 patients in 16 centers in the U.S. and 17 centers outside the U.S., met its primary efficacy endpoint with high statistical significance. The second trial, which will include up to 150 patients in approximately 15 centers in India, is currently being enrolled.

About pSivida Corp. pSivida Corp. (www.psvida.com), headquartered in Watertown, MA, is a leader in the development of sustained release, drug delivery products for treating eye diseases. pSivida has developed three of only four FDA-approved sustained-release treatments for back-of-the-eye diseases. The most recent, ILUVIEN®, a micro-insert for diabetic macular edema, licensed to Alimera Sciences, is currently sold in the U.S. and three EU countries. Retisert®, an implant for posterior uveitis, is licensed to and sold by Bausch & Lomb. pSivida's lead product candidate, Medidur™, a micro-insert for posterior uveitis being independently developed, is currently in pivotal Phase 3 clinical trials, with a U.S. New Drug Application anticipated in mid-2017. pSivida's pre-clinical development program is focused on using its core platform technologies Durasert™ and Tethadur™ to deliver drugs and biologics to treat wet and dry age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, osteoarthritis and other diseases. *To learn more about pSivida please visit www.psvida.com and connect on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Google+](#).*

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