



Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. announces quarterly dividend for 6% Convertible Exchangeable Preferred Stock

SHORT HILLS, NJ, October 23, 2006 - Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Cyclacel", the "Company") (Nasdaq: CYCC) (Nasdaq: CYCCP) announced today that the Company's Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend in the amount of \$0.15 per share on its 6% Convertible Exchangeable Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock") in accordance with the terms thereof. Cyclacel issued 2,990,000 shares of the Preferred Stock in November 2004. As of October 23, approximately 943,000 shares of the Preferred Stock had been converted to the Company's common stock. The dividend on the Preferred Stock will be paid on November 1, 2006 to the holders of record as of the close of business on October 23, 2006.

Cyclacel is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the discovery, development and commercialization of novel, mechanism-targeted drugs to treat human cancers and other serious disorders. The Company is currently evaluating seliciclib (CYC202), an orally-available cyclin dependent kinase inhibitor, in Phase II clinical trials for the treatment of lung cancer. Sapacitabine (CYC682) is an orally-available, cell cycle modulating nucleoside analog in Phase I clinical trials for the treatment of cancer. CYC116 is an orally-available, Aurora kinase inhibitor in IND-directed preclinical development. Several additional programs are at an earlier stage.

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Risk Factors

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to be materially different from historical results or from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include statements regarding, among other things, the efficacy, safety, and intended utilization of Cyclacel's product candidates, the conduct and results of future clinical trials, plans regarding regulatory filings, future research and clinical trials and plans regarding partnering activities. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially include the risk that product candidates that appeared promising in early research and clinical trials do not demonstrate safety and/or efficacy in larger-scale or later clinical trials, the risk that Cyclacel will not obtain approval to market its products, the risks associated with reliance on outside financing to meet capital requirements, and the risks associated with reliance on collaborative partners for further clinical trials, development and commercialization of product candidates. You are urged to consider statements that include the words "may," "will," "would," "could," "should," "believes," "estimates," "projects," "potential," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "intends," "continues," "forecast," "designed," "goal," or the negative of those words or other comparable words to be uncertain and forward-looking. These factors and others are more fully discussed under "Risk Factors" in the registration statement on Forms S-3 (File No. 333-134945) and S-4 (File No. 333-131225) and in the other reports of Cyclacel filed with the SEC.

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