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## Data to be Presented on CYC065, Cyclacel's CDK2/9 Inhibitor, at AACR-NCI-EORTC International Conference

### Mechanistic Rationale of CYC065 in Targeted Solid Tumors and Hematology

BERKELEY HEIGHTS, N.J., Oct. 26, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq:CYCC) (Nasdaq:CYCCP) ("Cyclacel" or the "Company"), today announced an upcoming presentation of preclinical data from a study with the Company's second generation cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) 2/9 inhibitor, CYC065, at the AACR-NCI-EORTC International Conference on Molecular Targets and Cancer Therapeutics, November 5-9, 2015, in Boston.

The study evaluated the molecular rationale and dosing schedule of CYC065 for targeting tumors that are either dependent on sustained expression of CDK9 transcription targets, including Mcl-1 and MYC, or on activation of CDK2 by overexpression of cyclin E.

Details of the presentation are as follows:

Abstract Number: B182  
Presentation Title: Molecular Basis for Clinical Development of the Novel CDK2/9 Inhibitor CYC065 in Oncology  
Presentation Time: Saturday, November 7, 2015, 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Location: Exhibit Hall C-D  
Poster Board Number: Poster Session B  
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The abstract can be accessed through the conference website, <http://www.aacr.org/>.

### About Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Cyclacel is a biopharmaceutical company developing oral therapies that target the various phases of cell cycle control for the treatment of cancer and other serious diseases. Sapacitabine, Cyclacel's most advanced product candidate, is the subject of SEAMLESS, a Phase 3 trial, which has completed enrollment and is being conducted under an SPA with the FDA as front-line treatment for acute myeloid leukemia (AML) in the elderly, and other indications including myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS). Cyclacel's pipeline includes an oral regimen of seliciclib in combination with sapacitabine in a Phase 1 study of patients with Homologous Recombination (HR) repair-deficient breast, ovarian and pancreatic cancers, including BRCA positive tumors, and CYC065, a novel CDK2/9 inhibitor in a Phase 1 study of patients with solid tumors and with potential utility in both hematological malignancies and solid tumors. Cyclacel's strategy is to build a diversified biopharmaceutical business focused in hematology and oncology based on a development pipeline of novel drug candidates. Please visit [www.cyclacel.com](http://www.cyclacel.com) for more information.

### Forward-looking Statements

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, statements regarding the proposed public offering and the intended use of proceeds, 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, trials may have difficulty enrolling, Cyclacel may not obtain approval to market its product candidates, 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. For a further list and description of the risks and uncertainties the Company faces, please refer to our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and other periodic and other filings we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are available at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Such forward-looking statements are current only as of the date they are made, and we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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