Eagle Pharmaceuticals Receives New Patent for Bendamustine Rapid Infusion Product

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WOODCLIFF LAKE, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ:EGRX) (“Eagle”) today announced that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has granted U.S. Patent No. 9,144,568, which pertains to the use of the bendamustine hydrochloride (HCl) formulation administered in a 50mL bag within ten minutes (the “rapid infusion” product). The patent issued today expires on March 15, 2033. This new patent, along with three previously issued Patents (Nos. 8,609,707, 9,000,021, and 9,034,908), further expands and protects Eagle’s bendamustine HCI intellectual property estate.

“Today’s patent issuance further strengthens our intellectual property for the bendamustine rapid infusion product, for which a New Drug Application (NDA) is currently under review by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA),” said Scott Tarriff, President and Chief Executive Officer of Eagle Pharmaceuticals. “We believe that approval of and subsequent launch by Teva of this important product, along with royalty payments earned on sales and the potential for additional milestone payments, will expedite Eagle’s ability to deliver long term, sustainable growth.”

The Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) goal date for a decision on the NDA by the FDA is December 2015. The NDA requests FDA approval of the rapid infusion bendamustine HCI product for the treatment of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and patients with indolent B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) that has progressed during or within six months of treatment with rituximab or a rituximab-containing regimen. The NDA for Eagle’s rapid infusion bendamustine product is supported by data from a clinical trial completed in November 2014, which demonstrated that the rapid infusion bendamustine HCI product can be administered in ten minutes in a low-volume, 50 mL admixture. The rapid infusion product candidate has received Orphan Drug Designations for both CLL and indolent B-cell NHL, and therefore may be eligible for seven years of exclusivity upon approval.

In February 2015, Eagle and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. entered into an exclusive license agreement for the rapid infusion bendamustine product. Teva will be responsible for all U.S. commercial activities for the product including promotion and distribution. Eagle has responsibility for obtaining all regulatory approvals, conducting post-approval clinical studies, if required, and initially supplying drug product to Teva.

About Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Eagle is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing injectable products that address the shortcomings, as identified by physicians, pharmacists and other stakeholders, of existing commercially successful injectable products. Eagle’s strategy is to utilize the FDA’s 505(b)(2) regulatory pathway. Additional information is available on the company’s website at www.eagleus.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking information within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended and other securities laws. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts. Words such as “will,” “may,” “intends,” “anticipate(s),” “plan,” “enables,” “potentially,” “entitles,” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding future events including, but not limited to: the anticipated issuance by the USPTO of additional patents related to Eagle’s products in 2015; success in gaining timely FDA approval of the rapid infusion bendamustine product for the treatment of patients with CLL and patients with indolent B-cell NHL that has progressed during or within six months of treatment with rituximab or a rituximab-containing regimen; the timing and level of success of a future launch of the rapid infusion bendamustine product by Teva; the success of Eagle’s commercial arrangement with Teva and the parties’ ability to work effectively together; difficulties or delays in manufacturing; the availability and pricing of third party sourced products and materials; successful compliance with FDA and other governmental regulations applicable to manufacturing facilities, products and/or businesses; and other factors that are discussed in Eagle’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, and its other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. All of such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and generally beyond Eagle’s control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied or projected by, the forward-looking information and statements. Such risks include, but are not limited to: the timing of issuance by the USPTO of additional patents to Eagle related to its products, if at all; whether the FDA will ultimately approve Eagle’s NDA for the rapid infusion bendamustine product for the treatment of patients with CLL and patients with indolent B-cell NHL that has progressed during or within six months of treatment with rituximab or a rituximab-containing regimen; whether Teva will be successful at commercializing the rapid infusion bendamustine product; whether Eagle and Teva will successfully perform each of their respective obligations under the exclusive license agreement; and other risks described in Eagle’s filings with
the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements that speak only as of the date hereof, and we do not undertake any obligation to revise and disseminate forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof, or to reflect the occurrence of or non-occurrence of any events.

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