Heron Therapeutics Appoints Kimberly J. Manhard as Executive Vice President of Drug Development

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REDWOOD CITY, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 28, 2016-- Heron Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ:HRTX), a biotechnology company focused on improving the lives of patients by developing best-in-class medicines that address major unmet medical needs, today announced the appointment of Kimberly J. Manhard as Executive Vice President of Drug Development. Ms. Manhard joins the Company today and will report to Barry D. Quart, Pharm.D., Chief Executive Officer of Heron.

“Kimberly has played an important role at Heron since joining our Board of Directors in January 2014, so we are delighted that she will be joining the Company as a permanent member of our leadership team,” commented Dr. Quart. “Kimberly brings to her role at Heron over 25 years of drug development, regulatory affairs and pharmaceutical operations experience, which will be invaluable to the Company as we move forward with the development of our exciting pipeline of product candidates targeting cancer or pain.”

Since 2008, Ms. Manhard has served as the Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Development Operations at Ardea Biosciences, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of AstraZeneca PLC. In her role at Ardea, Ms. Manhard was instrumental in the development and December 2015 regulatory approval of Zurampic® (lesinurad), by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of hyperuricemia associated with gout. Ms. Manhard joined Ardea in 2006, overseeing general corporate operations. Ardea Biosciences, Inc. was acquired by AstraZeneca PLC for $1.26 billion in June 2012. Since its sale, Ms. Manhard took on the additional roles of Ardea's Corporate Compliance Officer and as a director of Ardea Biosciences Limited. Prior to her tenure at Ardea, Ms. Manhard was President of her own consultancy firm, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Exelixis, Inc., and held multiple regulatory positions at Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Pfizer Inc. company, supporting the development and commercialization of anticancer and antiviral products, including Viracept® (nelfinavir). She was also previously with Bristol Myers Squibb Company in regulatory affairs, responsible for oncology compounds, including Taxol® (paclitaxel) and infectious disease compounds, including Videx® (didanosine) and Zerit® (stavudine).

About Heron Therapeutics, Inc.

Heron Therapeutics, Inc. is a biotechnology company focused on improving the lives of patients by developing best-in-class medicines that address major unmet medical needs. Heron is developing novel, patient-focused solutions that apply its innovative science and technologies to already-approved pharmacological agents for patients suffering from cancer or pain. Heron’s goal is to build on therapeutics with well-known pharmacology by improving their tolerability and efficacy as well as broadening their potential field of use. For more information, visit www.herontx.com.

Forward Looking Statements

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