Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Announces Data Presentations at the 38th Annual Meeting & Exposition of the Controlled Release Society

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PARSIPPANY, N.J., Aug. 2, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- **Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.** [1] (Nasdaq: PCRX [2]), an emerging specialty pharmaceutical company, today announced that new preclinical data evaluating the safety of DepoFoam® with DEPC (a novel excipient) will be presented in two podium sessions at the 38th Annual Meeting & Exposition of the Controlled Release Society (CRS) in National Harbor, Md. DepoFoam is Pacira's proprietary, extended release drug delivery technology, which is a key component of EXPAREL™ (bupivacaine extended-release liposome injection), the company's lead investigational product candidate for postsurgical pain management.

The first abstract, titled "Quantitative WholeBody Autoradiography Following Single Subcutaneous Injection of [114C] 2erucoyl)DEPC DepoFoam Formulation in Rats," will be presented on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. EDT. The second abstract, titled "Safety Evaluation of a Novel Pharmaceutical Excipient (DEPC) in EXPAREL, an Extended-Release Liposomal Formulation of Bupivacaine," will be presented on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, at 5 p.m. EDT. Both abstracts are being presented at a major medical meeting for the first time.

"These new data add to the growing body of evidence supporting the safety of DepoFoam as a proprietary, extended release drug delivery technology," said David Stack, president and chief executive officer of Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. "As DepoFoam is the carrier vehicle for our lead product candidate, EXPAREL, these presentations mark another important safety milestone for the clinical community. We believe these data, combined with the other positive clinical and pre-clinical data we have previously presented, further validate the potential safety and utility of EXPAREL in postsurgical pain management, should it be approved by the Food and Drug Administ
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