

AVI BioPharma Announces Conference Call and Webcast on Monday, April 2, 2012, to Discuss Top-Line Data Results From the Phase IIb DMD Study

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BOTHELL, WA, Mar 30, 2012 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) --AVI BioPharma, Inc. (NASDAQ: AVII), a developer of RNA-based therapeutics, today announced it will hold a conference call at 8:00 a.m. EDT (5:00 a.m. PDT) on Monday, April 2, 2012 to discuss top-line results from its Phase IIb study evaluating eteplirsen for the treatment of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD).

The conference call may be accessed by dialing 800.561.2718 for domestic callers and 617.614.3525 for international callers. The passcode for the call is 99858553. Please specify to the operator that you would like to join the "AVI BioPharma Phase IIb Top-Line Data Results Call." The conference call will be webcast live under the events section of AVI's website at www.avibio.com and will be archived there following the call for 90 days. Please connect to AVI's website several minutes prior to the start of the broadcast to ensure adequate time for any software download that may be necessary.

About AVI BioPharma AVI BioPharma is focused on the discovery and development of novel RNA-based therapeutics for rare and infectious diseases, as well as other select disease targets. Applying pioneering technologies developed and optimized by AVI, the Company is able to target a broad range of diseases and disorders through distinct RNA-based mechanisms of action. Unlike other RNA-based approaches, AVI's technologies can be used to directly target both messenger RNA (mRNA) and precursor messenger RNA (pre-mRNA) to either down-regulate (inhibit) or up-regulate (promote) the expression of targeted genes or proteins. By leveraging a highly differentiated RNA-based technology platform, AVI has built a pipeline of potentially transformative therapeutic agents, including eteplirsen, which is in clinical development for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and multiple drug candidates that are in clinical development for the treatment of infectious diseases. For more information, visit www.avibio.com.

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